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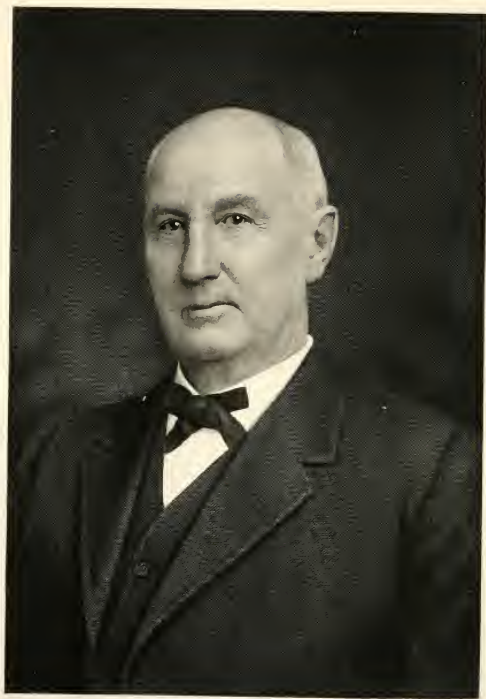
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## CHALLEN DANFORTH.

Challen Danforth, a capitalist of Winterset, has been a resident of Madison county from pioneer times and is well known throughout this section of the state as "Chal" Danforth—a term which indicates his approachableness, his friendly spirit and unfeigned cordiality. For an extended period he has been actively identified with the material development and progress of this section and long figured as one of the leading merchants of Winterset, from which line of business activity he has now retired to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, his attention being given only to the supervision of his invested interests.

Mr. Danforth was born in Henderson county, Illinois, on the 30th of January, 1844, a son of Cyrus and Mary Ann (Jones) Danforth. The father, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, was a millwright by trade and when a young man removed to the west, settling first in Indiana, where he met and married Miss Jones. He continued to follow his trade in Indiana until the early '40s, when he removed to Illinois and purchased land near Oquawka. His death occurred upon his farm there when his son Challen was about three years of age. The father was born in 1802 and passed away on July 20, 1847. The mother was a native of Virginia, born May 2, 1806, in which state her father operated a tannery. He afterward sold his plant, disposed of his slaves and removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, that his children might enjoy the better advantages offered by that city. Still later he went to Laporte, Indiana, where he operated a mill and conducted a grain business, continuing actively in those lines of trade up to the time of his death. His daughter, Mrs. Danforth, being early left a widow with two small children, came to Iowa in 1849 with one of her brothers, A. D. Jones, the journey being made with ox teams. Her brother was a surveyor and wished to start in a new country which would provide good opportunities for one in his line of business. At that time Madison county had not been surveyed and Mr. Jones was one of the men who located the town site of Winterset. He and his associates built a double log house, which was used as a courthouse and also for school and church purposes, and Mrs. Danforth conducted school in that building

upon the subscription plan. She was the first school-teacher of the city and taught for two years. She afterward taught the Rogers school, on Hoosier prairie, and continued her work in educational fields until her sons were old enough to provide for their own support and also care for their mother. Her son William is four years older than Challen Danforth and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Danforth continued to reside in Madison county until called to her final rest, March 3, 1878, when she was about seventy-two years of age. She was one of the honored pioneer women of the county and was closely connected with many early events which have had to do with the substantial development of Winterset. Among her pupils were many who have since made for themselves a creditable name and place in the business world. Mrs. Danforth made the first ice cream that was ever sold in Winterset, her little boys acting as salesmen, peddling the ice cream from a wheelbarrow. Mrs. Danforth was ever a most devoted mother, counting no personal sacrifice on her part too great if it would promote the welfare and advance the interests of her sons. She was a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active and helpful part in its work.

Challen Danforth was but five years of age when brought by his mother to Madison county in 1849. He can remember when there was no established town at Winterset and when there were but few settlers in this section of the state. He was still quite a small boy when he began working in a grocery store in the employ of a Mr. Snyder. Later he engaged in clerking for E. J. Ayers in a general store and was thus engaged until he joined the army at the age of twenty years, enlisting on the 16th of May, 1864, as a member of Company E, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry. He had desired to go when he was a youth of eighteen but his mother objected and accordingly he remained at home. He was mustered in at Davenport, Iowa, and served for five months, being mostly engaged in guard duty at Helena and other points in Arkansas, participating, however, in some skirmishes. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, on the 18th of September, 1864, and upon his return to Winterset engaged in the hardware business with his brother William, who was a practical tinner and made and repaired tinware, while Challen Danforth acted as salesman in their establishment. They conducted the business for many years and success attended the enterprise from the beginning. They ranked with the leading merchants of the county and they also extended the scope of their activities to the purchase and sale of real estate. Not all of the days in their career were equally bright. At times they confronted serious obstacles and difficulties but altogether the trend of their career was upward, leading to the goal of success. After a number of years William Danforth purchased the interest of his brother, who then concentrated his energies upon the operation of his farms, upon loaning money and also upon the cattle business. His operations in those fields were quite successful. He was also one of the organizers of the Madison County Bank and has served as a director thereof from the beginning. He is likewise a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank. His business affairs have been most carefully managed and intelligently directed and as the years have passed his investments have brought to him a most gratifying income. He is now the owner of a tract of land of two hundred acres, the greater part of which is within the city limits. He likewise owns one hundred and sixty acres, known as the Cedar Stock Farm, and is the owner of



the Madison County Bank building and several other valuable business blocks in Winterset. He has considerable money loaned out at a fair rate of interest and he now concentrates his energies upon the supervision of his investments, which in extent and importance place him among the men of affluence in Madison county.

On the 24th of July, 1872, Mr. Danforth was united in marriage to Miss Lida Sturman, who was born in Clay county, Missouri, March 19, 1845, a daughter of John B. and Margaret (Wamsley) Sturman, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they were reared and married. They went to Missouri about 1843 or 1844 and the father there followed the occupation of farming. In 1848 he brought his family to this county, settling on North river among the pioneer residents of this part of the state. He assisted in laying out the town of Winterset and was otherwise connected with the important events which have left their impress upon the history of the city and county. About 1863 he left the farm and removed to Winterset, where he engaged in the drug business for two or three years. He then embarked in the hardware trade, in which he continued for several years, after which he retired, having won a substantial measure of success that enabled him to enjoy throughout his remaining days not only the comforts but also many of the luxuries of life. He was born November 17, 1813, and passed away on the 24th of December, 1890. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and guided his life according to its teachings. His wife, who was born March 18, 1825, passed away in the faith of the Methodist church, of which she also had been a most loyal member. In their family were eight children: Lida; Mrs. Cecilia Osborn, of Kansas; James V., living in Cameron, Missouri; Sabina, whose home is in Seattle, Washington; Benjamin N., a resident of Arkansas; Marion, living in Perry, Iowa; Thomas, a resident of Grove City, Kansas; and Lester, deceased.

Mrs. Danforth was but three years of age when the family made the journey to Madison county with ox teams and here she was reared and educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Danforth were born seven children. Beulah is the widow of Dr. E. W. Foster and now lives in Wyoming. She first married Robert Vance, who died, leaving a son, George C. Harry, the second of the family, died September 15, 1882. Fay, born October 30, 1880, passed away September 21, 1882. Fred Eugene is a cattle dealer of Winterset. Alfred D. is engaged in the real-estate business in Winterset. Lucile is the wife of Ray Hake, of Worland, Wyoming. Jay B. is engaged in the grocery business in Winterset.

Mrs. Danforth is a member of the Methodist church and has taken quite an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Danforth holds membership in Winterset Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., and he became one of the charter members of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten but is still a hale and hearty man, possessing much of the vigor and energy of a man of much younger years. He devotes his time to the management of his large interests and he occupies a fine residence in Winterset. His condition is in marked contrast to that of his youth, when his mother was struggling to support her little family. He is truly a self-made man, advancing step by step through his own efforts, depending entirely upon his own resources and winning his prosperity as the direct and merited reward of his labor, perseverance and capa-

bility. He has a very wide acquaintance throughout the county, where he has lived since pioneer times, and everywhere he is spoken of in terms of high regard and friendship.

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#### CHALMERS O. CLEMENTS.

Chalmers O. Clements has resided in this county since early boyhood, or for nearly a half century, and has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career with excellent success, now owning six hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land on sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, Madison township, and section 32, Jefferson township. His birth occurred in Henderson county, Illinois, on the 7th of November, 1859, his parents being George and Nancy (Milligan) Clements, who were natives of Kentucky and Indiana respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, removed to Illinois in a very early day and followed farming in that state until 1865, when he made his way to Jasper county, Iowa, while the following year he took up his abode in Polk county, this state. There he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until March, 1867, when he came to Madison county, here cultivating rented land until 1873. In that year he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on sections 30 and 31, Madison township, now in possession of our subject, improved the property and continued its operation until 1898, when he purchased and settled on a farm in Jefferson township whereon he remained until his death on the 29th of August, 1900. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for during the long period of his residence in this county, covering about a third of a century, he had won an extensive circle of warm friends. His wife was called to her final rest in December, 1880.

Chalmers O. Clements, who was in his eighth year when brought to Madison county by his parents, acquired his education here and remained on the home farm until twenty years of age. Subsequently he cultivated rented land until 1887 and then purchased eighty acres on section 31, Madison township, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his attention. As time has passed and his financial resources have increased, owing to his indefatigable industry and capable management, he has augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at the present time he owns six hundred and forty acres of land on sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, Madison township, and section 32, Jefferson township. In connection with the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raises thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, and both branches of his business yield him a gratifying annual income. He is a stockholder and director in the Bank of Earlham and has long been numbered among the prosperous and enterprising citizens of the community.

On the 24th of December, 1879, Mr. Clements was united in marriage to Miss Ora Haxton, a daughter of Oliver Perry and Emily (Tracey) Haxton, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father followed farming in Illinois until 1875, when he came to Madison county, Iowa, and here carried on agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1900. His wife passed away on the 9th of January, 1909. To Mr. and Mrs. Clements have been born ten chil-

dren, as follows: Bertha G., whose demise occurred in 1881; William W., an agriculturist of this county; Julia, who is the wife of Waldo Hadley and resides in Oskaloosa, Iowa; Arthur, who passed away on the 25th of April, 1908; Maude, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles McBride, a farmer of this county; Laura, who is the wife of G. M. Hayes, also an agriculturist of Madison county; Hortense, a school teacher of this county; and Emily, Elma and Lucille, all of whom are attending school.

In politics Mr. Clements is a republican and he is now serving as a trustee, to which position he was elected in the fall of 1914 and in which he had previously served for six years. He has also acted in the capacity of assessor for five years and his record in public office is most commendable. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he is also a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. He is highly respected and esteemed in his community and enjoys the confidence and goodwill of a large circle of friends, who have learned to appreciate his worth and his high qualities of mind and character.

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#### WALTER F. CRAIG.

Walter F. Craig, representative from the twenty-eighth district of Iowa in the state legislature, has filled various local offices and has been actively connected with educational interests in Madison county. He makes his home in Winterset and has a wide circle of friends, who entertain for him warm regard.

The county numbers Mr. Craig among its native sons, his birth having occurred near Truro in Ohio township, on the 4th of August, 1881, his parents being George H. and Clara (Payne) Craig. The father, a native of Henry county, Illinois, was still quite small when the family removed to Knox county, that state, establishing their home near Yates City, where he was reared and acquired his education in the public schools. He early became familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops and when a young man he removed to Warren county, Iowa, where he carried on farming until 1881. In that year he came to Madison county and purchased the farm on which he now resides northeast of Truro in Ohio township. He has never desired office nor taken an active interest in politics. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife was a native of Ashtabula county, Ohio, where she was reared and attended school. Her parents removed with their family to Knox county, Illinois, and afterward to Warren county, Iowa, where she gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Craig. They came to this county in 1881 and here Mrs. Craig spent her remaining days, her death occurring January 8, 1910. She left two children, the daughter being Myrtle, now the wife of James E. Young, who is living east of St. Charles in Warren county, Iowa.

Walter F. Craig, the younger of the family, spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and after attending the district schools continued his education in the high school of St. Charles, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902. He then pursued a teacher's summer course at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, after which he entered upon the profession of teaching, which he followed in his home district and in neighboring schools until 1903, when he

entered Drake University. After leaving that institution he again taught in a district school and became principal of the Truro schools in the fall of 1904. He resigned on the 1st of January, 1905, to accept the position of deputy clerk of the district court, in which capacity he continued for four years. At the end of that time, or in 1908, he was elected clerk of the court on the republican ticket and made such an excellent record in office that he was reelected in 1910, serving altogether for four years. In 1912 he was made the candidate of the republican party for the office of representative in the state legislature and the election returns showed that he was the successful candidate. He served in the general assembly and gave to each question which came up for settlement his careful consideration. He never had opposition in his own party for any of the offices which he has filled and he has always been accorded good majorities at the polls. His business affairs are represented by an interest in the Security Loan & Title Company of Winterset, to which he now devotes most of his time.

On the 3d of January, 1912, Mr. Craig was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Shirk, of Springville, Iowa, a native of Jackson county, and for seven years a teacher in the schools of Winterset. They have one child, Walter F., who was born February 5, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are members of the Presbyterian church and take an active and helpful interest in advancing its work and extending its influence. Mr. Craig belongs to the Masonic fraternity. He has membership in Model Lodge, No. 315, A. F. & A. M., of St. Charles, and in Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., of Winterset, of which he was high priest in 1911 and 1912. Both he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. He has always taken an active interest in the historical society of Madison county, of which he was secretary for several years. He has likewise been president of the Madison County Chautauqua Association for two years and his influence is always on the side of advancement and improvement, while his labors have constituted a potent force for progress at various times.

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#### ANDREW H. BERTHOLF.

Although thirty-seven years have come and gone since Andrew H. Bertholf was called to his final rest, he is still remembered by many of the older residents of Madison county as one of its prosperous agriculturists and esteemed citizens, having made his home in Lincoln township for more than a quarter of a century and owning eighteen hundred acres of rich and productive land. He passed away on the 15th of July, 1878, when seventy-four years of age, his birth having occurred in New York City on the 3d of March, 1804. When a youth of twelve years he was taken by his parents to Gallia county, Ohio, and on the 17th of June, 1832, there wedded Miss Electa Macumber, who was born in that county, January 5, 1816. Making his way to Indiana, he purchased a farm in that state and then returned to the Buckeye state for his family. He and his wife rode horseback from Ohio to St. Joseph county, Indiana, and each carried a small child. In 1842 they removed to Lee county, Illinois, and in 1851 came to Madison county, Iowa, settling on section 20, Lincoln township.



ANDREW H. BERTHOLF



Mr. Bertholf here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results throughout the remainder of his life, becoming the owner of eighteen hundred acres of valuable and productive land, from which he derived a gratifying annual income. He was also a well known stockman in the early days. He assisted all of his sons in making a start and was long numbered among the most prosperous agriculturists and respected citizens of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bertholf were born thirteen children, as follows: Alexander M., whose birth occurred April 2, 1833, and who is deceased; George, born December 19, 1834, who died in early life; Zachariah, born March 12, 1837, who is also deceased; James, born February 8, 1839, who is a prominent agriculturist of Lincoln township, this county; Letecia, who was born July 12, 1840, and died in infancy; William H., who was born February 2, 1842, and passed away in Des Moines; Esther Jane, born January 1, 1844, who is the deceased wife of L. H. Demar; John M., whose birth occurred June 29, 1846, and who is a resident of Bonanza, Oregon; Rebecca, born August 16, 1849, who is the wife of S. J. Kiggins, of Baker City, Oregon; Lovica, who was born July 8, 1850, and died in childhood; Thomas, born January 27, 1853, who is deceased; L. M., who was born in 1855 and is a well known agriculturist of Lincoln township, this county; and Benjamin Franklin, born September 7, 1858, who died in infancy. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 15th of June, 1883, and her passing was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Andrew H. Bertholf was a democrat in politics and a Baptist in religious faith. His life was upright and honorable in all relations and he enjoyed the warm regard and friendship of those with whom he came in contact in both business and social connections.

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#### ROBERT H. COOPER.

Robert H. Cooper is aid-de-camp of the National organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been appointed to that position in November, 1914. He is widely known in military circles and in Madison county has figured prominently in connection with the grain trade and the banking business at Winterset. Throughout his business career carefully formulated plans have always been carried forward to successful completion through the exercise of indefatigable industry and determination.

Mr. Cooper is a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred near Sheffield on the 11th of January, 1844. His father, Robert Cooper, also a native of that county, was a son of Daniel and Prudence (Hamilton) Cooper, both of whom were born in the north of Ireland, whence they emigrated to the United States, establishing their home in Pennsylvania. Daniel Cooper was a farmer, devoting his entire life to that occupation. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and in Pennsylvania they resided until called to their final rest. Robert Cooper, Sr., was reared and educated in the Keystone state, where he spent his entire life as a farmer and also worked in a shipyard on the Ohio river when a young man. The major portion of his time and attention, however, was given to agricultural pursuits. He, too, held

membership in the United Presbyterian church and guided his life by its teachings. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-seven years, having long survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Orr. She, too, was a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Hugh and Jane (McConnell) Orr. Her father was born in the north of Ireland and was of Scotch extraction, while her mother was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Hugh Orr was a tailor by trade. He lived to the age of seventy-two years, while his wife reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Their daughter, Mrs. Cooper, died at the birth of her son, Robert H., leaving two children, of whom the elder, William J., died in Pennsylvania in 1906.

Robert H. Cooper spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and attended the public schools until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he began clerking in a general store. He was thus employed until June, 1862, when he put aside all business and personal considerations and at the age of eighteen years enlisted for service as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Fortieth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His brother enlisted in the same company at the same time. They served in the Army of the Potomac, being on duty in Virginia and Maryland, taking part in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run and numerous other engagements and skirmishes. Mr. Cooper was two full days in line on Cemetery Ridge in the hotly contested battle of Gettysburg. Both he and his brother, however, escaped without being wounded or taken prisoner. After serving for three years Robert H. Cooper was honorably discharged on the 8th of June, 1865, following the close of the war. His record was ever a creditable one, for he was always loyal to his duty and never faltered, whether stationed on the firing line or the lonely picket line.

When the war was over Mr. Cooper returned to his home in Pennsylvania and engaged in merchandising with an uncle at Beaver, there remaining until 1879, when he sold his interest in the business and came to Winterset. Here he embarked in the grain trade, in which he continued with success for ten years. In 1889, when the Madison County Bank was organized, he entered the institution as its first cashier, in which capacity he served for sixteen years, resigning at the end of that time. He was then cashier of the Winterset Savings Bank for six years and has since enjoyed a well earned rest, reaping the benefits of his former toil. He has ever been regarded as a thoroughly reliable as well as enterprising business man, and his efforts have been attended with a measure of success that is most gratifying.

On the 16th of April, 1872, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mary Savage, who has always been known, however, as Minnie. She was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1844, a daughter of William and Margaret Ann (Leeper) Savage, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer by occupation and died in 1862. His parents were Henry and Nancy (Robinson) Savage, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The mother's family traces their ancestry back to James Leeper, who came to the United States in 1771 from the north of Ireland. He was a native of Scotland and only stopped a short time in Ireland before coming to America. Mrs. Cooper was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children: William S., a practicing attorney of Winterset, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; Elizabeth J., the



wife of Sam R. Guthrie, of Garden City, Kansas; Esther L., who is a teacher of English in Ames College; Harry W., a newspaper man of Cheyenne, Wyoming; Robert S., who is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Winterset, and who is also mentioned on another page of this volume; and Ralph L., a civil engineer living at Boone, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Cooper has always been an earnest republican. He was reared in the faith of that party and has always been most loyal to its principles, doing everything in his power to promote the cause and secure the success of its candidates, yet never seeking office for himself as a reward for party fealty. He holds membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of which he was commander for a year, and he is now aid-de-camp of the national organization. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and their children are also communicants thereof. The influence of the family has ever been on the side of progress and improvement, and they have given tangible aid to many measures and movements which have been of direct benefit to the community in advancing its material, social, political and moral progress.

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#### MYLES YOUNG, SR.

Myles Young, Sr., who is engaged in the grain, coal, seed and feed business, is one of the oldest and most highly respected business men of Winterset. The methods which he has followed in all of his business career are such as have commended him to the confidence and goodwill of the public and his course constitutes an example which others might profitably follow.

He was born in Ireland on the 3d of April, 1843, a son of Mason and Susan (Kirby) Young. The father was born in Ireland of English parents but the mother's birth occurred in England. They lived in the north of Ireland and in 1849 came to the United States, establishing their home in Chicago, Illinois, where the father engaged in the lumber business. He was there at the time of the memorable fire of 1871, but his lumberyard was not within the fire zone. He continued actively and successfully in the lumber trade until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-six years. His widow survived him for a considerable period and passed away at the very advanced age of eighty-seven years. Both were members of the Episcopal church. In their family were eight children: Anna M., the wife of Andrew McGlade, of Chicago; Susanna, the wife of James Barton; Harriett, the wife of Robert Anderson; Flarinda, who married J. R. Fairfield; Lillian, the wife of James Hopkins; Henry; Myles; and Thomas.

During the period of his youth Myles Young attended the public schools near his father's home and when about eighteen years of age he went to Peru, Illinois, where he learned the grain business, being there employed for about seven years. On the expiration of that period he engaged in the same business on his own account. In 1884 he came to Winterset, where he also embarked in the same business and has continued active along that line. He is today the oldest grain merchant and leading representative of the trade in Madison county. He not only handles grain but also deals in seed, feed and coal, and is accorded a liberal

patronage, for his business methods have always been reliable and his enterprise unflinching.

Mr. Young was married in Peru, Illinois, to Miss Gertrude Magill, who was born in Covington, Kentucky, a daughter of the Rev. Magill, an Episcopalian minister. Mrs. Young passed away at the age of fifty-one years. They were the parents of four children: Arthur, who died at the age of thirteen years; Fred, who is now engaged in business in Chicago; Myles, who is associated with his father; and Lillian, the wife of J. W. Ripey, an attorney practicing at Des Moines, Iowa. For his second wife Mr. Young chose Clydona Wight, a native of Madison county, and to them have been born two children: Irene and Mildred, both at home.

The family occupy an attractive residence in Winterset which Mr. Young owns. Mrs. Young has two farms in Jackson and Lincoln townships comprising two hundred acres of rich and valuable land, from which is derived a substantial annual income. Mr. Young also owns two elevators in Winterset and his seed house is fifty by one hundred feet and two stories in height. The elevators have a capacity of about forty-two thousand bushels of grain.

Mr. Young and his family are members of the Episcopal church and are prominent socially, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. In politics Mr. Young is a stalwart republican but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He served on the school board for about two years and has always been an earnest champion of the cause of education, which he has ever regarded as one of the bulwarks of the nation as well as one of the strongest forces in individual success.

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#### JAMES P. STEELE.

James P. Steele, a well known attorney of Winterset and the president of the Citizens National Bank, belongs to that class of men whose initiative spirit and enterprise have carried them into important business and professional relations. He was born in Adams county, Ohio, on the 13th of March, 1848. His father, William L. Steele, was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and when about twenty years of age came to the United States, arriving in this country in 1835. Making his way westward, he settled in Adams county, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school for several years. He then purchased a small farm and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred when he was at the comparatively early age of forty years. He was of Scotch extraction and was descended from David Steele, who was shot in 1686 in his own dooryard by Lieutenant Creighton, at Skellyhill, Scotland. He was a Covenanter and was serving as an officer at that time. Andrew Steele, the grandfather of James P. Steele, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and was a foundryman. He came to the United States and followed his trade at Blairsville, Pennsylvania. About 1853 he removed to Adams county, Ohio, where the remainder of his life was spent and where he died when more than eighty years of age. He married a Miss Lucas, who was also a native of Ireland, and she died in 1857 when about sixty-three years of age. They were both members of the Covenant church. The mother of our subject



JAMES P. STEELE



bore the maiden name of Anna Johnson and was born in Ross county, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. She survived her husband until 1900 and died at the age of eighty years. Her parents were Robert and Esther (Putnam) Johnson, both natives of Nova Scotia. They came to the United States about 1825, settling in Ross county, Ohio, where Mr. Johnson engaged in farming and milling. He passed away in that county and was survived for some years by his wife, who died at the advanced age of ninety-four. She was a relative of General Putnam, of Revolutionary war fame.

James P. Steele spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and is indebted to the public-school system of his native county for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed. Later he attended the United Presbyterian College at Monmouth, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the class of 1873. He only attended school sixty-six days between the ages of ten and twenty-one years, but, realizing his lack of education and the disadvantage to which he was put thereby, he resolved that he would make up for this, and in 1869 entered Monmouth Academy, doing six or seven years' work in four years. The strenuous manner in which he applied himself to his studies undermined his health and he then went to the Rocky Mountains, where he spent a year in recuperating from asthma. During that time he read law and afterward taught one term of school in Illinois.

On the 31st of December, 1874, Mr. Steele came to Winterset, Iowa, and for one term was a teacher in a country school and also read law during that period. In September, 1875, he was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice, later forming a partnership with Byram Leonard. This connection was continued for about three years. He was afterward in partnership with Judge Mott for about a year and then was alone in practice, but at a later date he took into his office a student, C. A. Robbins, who is now assistant attorney general of Iowa. They were together for fifteen years and since the dissolution of their partnership, in 1905, Mr. Steele has been alone in practice. He had been a resident of Winterset for only a brief period before it was recognized that he was an able lawyer, alert and wide-awake, ready at all times to meet any emergency, while in the preparation of his cases he was most careful and painstaking. The recognition of his ability won him growing success and he has long been regarded as a leading member of the Madison county bar. In the early days he conducted a Quiz Club, of which W. G. Potter, now on the supreme bench of Pennsylvania, was a member.

In 1878 Mr. Steele was united in marriage to Miss Clara L. Whitmore, a native of Chicago, Illinois, who was largely educated in Washington, D. C. She taught music in early womanhood and in 1875 came to Madison county, Iowa. They have two children: Anna Louise, who is now a teacher of Latin in the high school of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Byram Whitmore, a civil engineer, now farming in this county.

From 1880 until 1911 Mr. Steele resided upon a farm three miles from Winterset and each day made the trip to and from the city. He has made extensive and judicious investments in property and is now the owner of between six hundred and seven hundred acres of valuable land. He carried on farming and the breeding of shorthorn cattle and at one time was the owner of a large herd, which he shipped and sold for breeding purposes, the greater part being sold in Iowa.

In 1896 he sold his thoroughbred cattle and began feeding cattle and hogs quite extensively, but following his son's return home he turned over the management of the farm to him. Mr. Steele has been a director and the attorney of the Citizens National Bank for several years and in 1909 was elected its president.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele are members of the Presbyterian church. His political allegiance was formerly given to the republican party, and for four years he filled the office of county attorney. He is now an advocate of the progressive party and was one of the electors at large in 1912. He takes quite an active part in politics and has ever stood loyally by his honest convictions and has been a recognized leader here. Mr. Steele occupies a prominent place as a citizen, as a lawyer and as a business man. He came to this county empty-handed and his laudable ambition, his well directed efforts and his ability brought him to the front, gaining for him not only success but also an honored name.

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#### PAUL R. STILLMAN.

Paul R. Stillman is one of the leading citizens of Earlham, and the Earlham Echo, an excellent weekly paper which he publishes, is a force in the formation of public opinion in the community. Mr. Stillman was born on the 10th of February, 1888, in Jefferson, Iowa, of the marriage of Frank and Lucy (Fallows) Stillman, natives respectively of Chicago and of Waucoma, Iowa. The father is a newspaper man and is at present editor of the Jefferson Bee of Jefferson. In his young manhood he came to Iowa and in the intervening years has owned and published a number of papers in various parts of the state. His wife is also living.

Paul R. Stillman was reared and educated in Jefferson, Iowa, and in Washington, D. C., whither his parents removed when he was nine years of age. He lived there until he was twenty years old, his father having a government position in that city. Mr. Stillman of this review profited by the advantages of spending his youth in the national capital and was given an excellent education. His college work was done at the University of Minnesota. Upon starting out in the business world he determined to become a journalist and accordingly removed to Waucoma, Iowa, and leased a newspaper plant. After a year he came to Earlham and purchased the Earlham Echo, which he has since conducted with gratifying success. He has the energy and initiative that are characteristic of the capable young man and has also a knowledge of newspaper affairs that is the equal of many an older man, as he learned much concerning the conduct of a paper from his father. The Earlham Echo has a wide circulation and its success is based upon its reliability and enterprise. Mr. Stillman is not only an able editor but also manages the financial interests of the paper with ability and is highly respected in business circles. In addition to the publication of the Earlham Echo he does job work of all kinds and as he has a finely equipped plant for the purpose and insists upon a high quality of work being done that phase of his business is proving especially profitable.

Mr. Stillman is a republican and keeps thoroughly informed upon all of the great questions that arise in our national life and that must be settled at the

polls. Something of the principles and ideals which guide him in his relation to others may be gathered from the fact that he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is identified with the Masonic order. Since coming to Earlham he has cooperated heartily in all movements that have tended to better the community materially, socially or morally and is rightly esteemed as a valued citizen.

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### JOSEPH E. HAMILTON.

The history of business enterprise in Winterset would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make prominent reference to Joseph E. Hamilton, who is one of the leading citizens of Madison county, actively and successfully identified with real-estate interests and with banking. His resolute purpose and intelligently directed efforts have enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken and his name has long been an honored one on commercial paper in this part of the state.

Madison county is proud to number Mr. Hamilton among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Walnut township on the 14th of October, 1864, his parents being Joseph C. W. and Mary (Draper) Hamilton. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in New Jersey and during his infancy was taken to New York by his parents, who removed to Fayette county, Ohio, when he was a child of five years. There he was reared upon a farm with the usual experiences that fall to the lot of the farm lad. While still living in Ohio he married and in 1852 he came to Iowa, settling in South township, Madison county. In the spring of 1864 he removed to Walnut township, trading two cows for a tract of forty acres of land on which was a small log cabin, but no other improvements. With characteristic energy he began the development of his farm and brought his fields to a high state of cultivation. He taught one hundred and thirteen terms of school, all in the vicinity of his home, and thus greatly advanced the intellectual standards of the county as well as promoted his farming interests. He died in 1893 at the age of seventy-three years. He was then teaching and his son, Joseph E. Hamilton, completed his term.

In his political views the father was a democrat and he held various township offices, the duties of which he discharged with promptness and fidelity. In his business affairs he won a substantial measure of prosperity and was the owner of two hundred acres of valuable land at the time of his death. Reared in the Presbyterian church, he always adhered to that denomination and he took a very active part in church and Sunday school work. His wife was a native of Fayette county, Ohio, and became one of the pioneer women of Madison county, arriving here in company with her husband in 1852. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and died in that faith in 1887 when fifty-eight years of age. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, nine of whom reached adult age, while two passed away in infancy.

Joseph E. Hamilton was reared upon the home farm and was educated in the public schools. When eighteen years of age he began teaching in the district schools of his native county and divided his time between educational interests

and farm work. He continued upon the old homestead until 1900, when he went to Boulder, Colorado, where for about a year he engaged in the real-estate business. At the end of that time he established his home in Winterset, where he engaged in the real-estate, abstract and loan business in partnership with his brother, S. M. Hamilton. This partnership was continued until 1909, when Joseph E. Hamilton purchased the interest of his brother and has since been alone. He became one of the leading real-estate men of the county with a clientage scarcely equalled by that of any other in the same line of business. He thoroughly informed himself concerning land values, knew the property upon the market and so directed his interests that substantial success resulted. In 1913 he became one of the organizers and principal owners of the Security Loan & Title Company, of which he was elected the president. Upon the organization of this company he turned his abstract, loan and insurance business over to it and he now devotes his time to real estate. He is also a well known figure in banking circles and in 1912 was elected vice president of the First National Bank. His discrimination is keen, his judgment sound and his enterprise unfaltering and thus he is winning success in all of his undertakings.

On the 14th of October, 1888, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Katherine M. Dick, a native of Des Moines county and a daughter of J. P. and Sarah (Frank) Dick. They have three children: Ernest C., who is a graduate of the State University of Iowa and is now associated with his father in business; and Frank S. and Clarence E., both of whom are students in the State University of Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Hamilton is an earnest democrat and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never sought nor desired public office. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they occupy a prominent position socially, having the esteem and warm regard of all who know them. Mr. Hamilton has been a lifelong resident of Madison county and his record is one which reflects credit upon the spirit of enterprise which has ever dominated this section of the state. He early recognized the eternal principle that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life. Close application has characterized all of his dealings and in all of his business affairs he has followed constructive measures until he is today recognized not only as one of the most successful but also as one of the most honored residents of Winterset.

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### JOSEPH J. HUTCHINGS.

In a history of Madison county it is imperative that mention be made of Joseph J. Hutchings else the record will be incomplete and unsatisfactory, for while he has passed away he has left his impress upon the development and progress of the county, having been one of the pioneer real-estate dealers of Winterset and one of its progressive bankers. His business affairs were capably managed and were so directed that they proved of benefit to the public as well as a source of individual prosperity. He was born in Clark county, Indiana, on







*J. H. Hutchinson*



*Mrs Mary Hutchings*



the 29th of November, 1825, and was of English extraction, the family having been founded in Maryland in an early day.

Joseph J. Hutchings spent his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, which was upon one of the pioneer farms of Indiana. There he remained until twenty-three years of age and attended one of the old-time subscription schools conducted by Quaker people. The year 1849 witnessed his arrival in Iowa and for a year he remained in Davis county, after which he returned to Indiana, where he taught school for one winter. In August, 1851, he came to Winterset, walking all of the way from Newton, a distance of seventy miles, over the untracked prairies and unbridged streams. It was into the frontier regions that he penetrated and became an active factor in the early development of the section in which he established his home. For two winters he engaged in teaching school in Madison county, and in 1852 he embarked in the business of trading land, with an office in Winterset. His operations as a real-estate dealer prospered. As the country became more and more thickly settled there was a greater demand for property and he negotiated many important realty transfers, selling many a farm to the early settlers and also handling city property. In 1872 he became the president of the Citizens' National Bank of Winterset and was continuously and actively connected with that institution until his death, which occurred in 1888. In early manhood he began reading medicine but did not complete the course. When he started for Iowa he carried with him some money but was robbed while on the way and thus he was practically penniless when he reached his destination. He taught school, chopped wood and did other work which would gain him a start and eventually he found his feet firmly planted on the highroad to prosperity and continued therein until he had accumulated a very ample and gratifying competence.

On the 28th of January, 1856, Mr. Hutchings was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bell, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July 24, 1835, and was there reared and educated. In 1854 she came to Winterset, where she had two married sisters living, traveling by stage from Iowa City. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchings became the parents of a daughter, Flora, who married Dr. J. H. Wintrode. He died on the 25th of December, 1909, and Mrs. Wintrode passed away on the 23d of July, 1910. They were the parents of three children: Mary Lucy, the wife of W. C. Krabel, of Winterset; and Josephine Hutchings, and John H., Jr., who have made their home with their grandmother, Mrs. Hutchings, since the death of their parents.

In politics Mr. Hutchings was always a stanch republican but would never accept office of any kind. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity and was an exemplary representative of that order. His life was ever upright and honorable. In all of his business dealings he followed constructive methods and never took advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen. His integrity was above question and the many excellent traits of his character won for him the friendship and high regard of all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. Hutchings is now seventy-nine years of age and is still active and well preserved for one of her years—a lady of natural refinement and culture, who has a host of warm friends in this part of the state. She is a member of the Presbyterian church and her life has been guided by its teachings. Her husband left her well provided with this world's goods, so that since his death she has been enabled to

enjoy all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. A street in Winterset has been named in honor of Mr. Hutchings, thus perpetuating the memory of one who proved a valuable factor in the development of the city in pioneer times and through the later period of its progress.

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### GEORGE N. SKINNER, M. D.

Dr. George N. Skinner, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Winterset, has won his present prominence and success through ability that is based upon broad reading and conscientious observance of duty, combined with fidelity to the highest ethics of the profession. He was born in Birmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa, May 28, 1854, a son of John S. and Catherine (Rail) Skinner. The father was born in New Jersey but was reared in the Empire state and became captain of a canal boat, on which he continued until 1838, when he came west to Iowa at which time the state was under territorial rule. He located on a claim near Birmingham in Van Buren county, becoming one of the pioneer settlers in that district. The Indians still visited the neighborhood and wild game of all kinds was plentiful. In fact, the work of civilization and development seemed scarcely begun, but Mr. Skinner joined with other pioneer residents in converting the wild prairie region into a prosperous county, inhabited by a contented and happy people who were utilizing the natural resources to the best possible advantage. He performed the arduous task of breaking wild prairie land and upon the farm which he developed he engaged in the cultivation of grain and the raising of stock to the time of his death, which occurred in 1887 when he was seventy-six years of age. He met with a fair measure of success.

Mr. Skinner held various township offices and he lived an upright, honorable life. Although not a member of any church, he closely followed the golden rule and he was ever loyal to the teachings of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he held membership. He could truly be called a self-made man. At an early age he was left an orphan and he worked his way steadily upward through his ability, close application and well directed energy. His wife was a native of Pennsylvania, but was reared in New York, where they were married.

On coming to the west, they made their way down the Ohio river on a flatboat and up the Mississippi. Mrs. Skinner survived her husband until April, 1906, passing away when in her ninetieth year. She was a member of the Methodist church and she had a family of ten children, of whom three died in infancy.

George N. Skinner was the seventh in order of birth. He spent his boyhood days upon the home farm and supplemented his early education, acquired in the public schools, by study in Birmingham Academy. He afterward turned his attention to the profession of teaching, which he followed for four years in the district schools, but he regarded this profession as merely an initial step to other professional activity. It was his desire to become a member of the medical fraternity and to that end he entered the Keokuk Medical College, in which he pursued a thorough course. He afterward located at Truro, where he practiced for five years, and then continued his studies in Drake University, from which he

was graduated with the class of 1889. For a year thereafter he engaged in practice in this county and then went to California, where he spent one year. In 1892 he returned and settled in Winterset, where he has remained continuously since, covering a period of about twenty-three years. His ability is widely recognized. He studies each case thoroughly, is most careful in his diagnosis and sound in his judgment. Desired results have attended his efforts in the majority of cases and his ability is recognized not only by the general public but by his professional brethren as well.

On the 27th of August, 1882, Dr. Skinner was united in marriage to Miss Laura L. Rankin, a native of Middletown, Iowa, who was reared at Peru, this state. They have two children: Frank R., who was graduated from Drake University on the completion of a course in pharmacy and is now engaged in the drug business in Des Moines; and Zoe M., who completed a course in the liberal arts department of Drake University with the degrees of Ph. B and Ed. B. and is now teaching mathematics in the high school at Fort Madison.

Dr. Skinner gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but does not seek nor desire office. He has served on the school board, however, for a number of terms and the cause of education has profited by his cooperation in behalf of the public-school system. He is a member of Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., and he is a pension examiner. He is also a member of the Madison County Medical Society, the Missouri Valley Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Through the proceedings of those bodies he keeps in touch with the general trend of thought and progress along the lines of medical and surgical practice and he employs the most scientific methods in his efforts to relieve suffering and restore health. That he has been largely successful is attested by the liberal patronage which is now accorded him.

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#### M. W. PEACH.

Among the respected citizens of Winterset is M. W. Peach, who for many years was actively engaged in farming but is now living a retired life. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, on the 4th of February, 1841, a son of Joseph Peach, whose birth occurred in Maryland in 1808 and who was married in Ohio to Miss Rachel Brooks. Joseph Peach, Sr., the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a slaveholder in Maryland but after reaching middle life became convinced of the evil of holding men and women as chattels and accordingly liberated his slaves, fifty in number.

It was on the 17th of March, 1841, that the parents of our subject left Ohio and started for Iowa. They floated down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to Burlington, whence they made their way by team to Van Buren county, Iowa, where the father raised one crop. In the meantime he took up a claim in Davis county, about twenty miles west of where he was living in Van Buren county. In the fall or early winter of 1841 he located upon his claim and during the remainder of his life devoted his attention to its cultivation and improvement. He died in October, 1850, leaving his widow with six small children to care for, the

oldest of whom was a daughter fourteen years of age. Our subject was at that time a lad of nine years. The mother kept the family together until they were able to care for themselves and when Mr. Peach of this review was eighteen years of age she accompanied him to Madison county, where he provided for her needs and wants until she, too, passed away, about six years after the close of the Civil war.

M. W. Peach received but a limited education as the pioneer schools were primitive in curriculum as well as in other respects. He pursued his studies in a log schoolhouse in Davis county and later attended a school taught by Mr. Goshorn, the father of Arthur Goshorn, who taught what was known as the Beerbower school, west of Winterset. Under the instruction of that excellent teacher Mr. Peach learned all that he knew about reading, arithmetic and grammar in thirty-two days. At the age of sixteen years he began working for others by the month during the summer seasons and was thus employed until he attained his majority, turning over every cent of his wages for the support of the family.

On the 5th of August, 1862, Mr. Peach went to the defense of the Union, joining Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, which was commanded by Captain G. N. Elliott. Following the battle of Resaca, the Thirty-ninth Iowa was detailed to guard Rome, Georgia, which had been captured, and Mr. Peach was there until the battle of Allatoona Pass, after which he joined Sherman and went with him on his march to the sea. He was not in many severe engagements but at the battle of Allatoona Pass had a number of holes shot through his clothes. In the night following that battle he noticed a defect in his hearing, which has been impaired ever since. He was mustered out at Washington, D. C., and discharged at Clinton, Iowa. He returned home with a creditable military record and the consciousness that he had been of service in preserving the Union and abolishing the institution of slavery, which had aroused his moral indignation.

Mr. Peach again turned his attention to farming, cultivating forty acres of land in Scott township, which he had previously purchased for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Some time later he went to Buena Vista county and homesteaded land, living there for a decade. At the expiration of that period he removed to northern Missouri and after a year went to Arkansas where he lived for eleven years. In 1894 he returned to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land in Scott township, which he farmed until 1907, when he turned the cultivation of his land over to others and removed to Winterset, where he is now living retired in a comfortable home at No. 803 East Court avenue.

In 1871 Mr. Peach married Miss Laura B. Welsh, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Hazlett) Welsh, born respectively in Maryland and Pennsylvania. Just prior to the Civil war the family removed to Iowa, settling in Wapello county, and in 1865 took up their residence in Douglas township, this county, but a few years later Mr. and Mrs. Welsh removed to Scott township, where both passed away.

Mr. Peach is stanch in his allegiance to the republican party, which stood loyally by the Union in its time of peril and which has since carried through to completion so many policies that have worked to the advantage of the country. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is entitled to honor as one of those brave men who unhesitatingly left the work in which they were



engaged and answered their country's call for soldiers, offering their lives if need be for the preservation of the Union. His record in times of peace has been equally honorable and public-spirited, and he is rich in the esteem of his fellow-men.

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#### D. M. GRISWOLD.

D. M. Griswold is a thoroughly up-to-date agriculturist residing on section 23, Madison township, and has one of the finest farm homes in the county. He was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 5th of September, 1863, a son of Martin and Mary J. (Withrow) Griswold, also natives of the Buckeye state. The father, who was a farmer, cultivated land in his native state until 1866, when he removed with his family to this county, purchasing land in Grand River township and operating his place until 1871, when he sold it and bought land in Penn township, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 14th of December, 1880, when sixty-two years of age, but his widow is still living at the age of seventy-five.

D. M. Griswold entered the district schools as a child and passed from grade to grade until he had completed the course therein. He then became a student in the Dexter Normal School at Dexter, Iowa, where he supplemented his earlier education. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age and then rented land, which he operated for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Earlham and turned his attention to teaching school, a profession which he had previously followed while living under the parental roof. Altogether he taught for twenty-seven terms and proved a capable and popular teacher.

Upon turning to other pursuits Mr. Griswold engaged in the telephone business and on the 1st of January, 1899, was elected secretary of the Hawkeye Telephone Company. He remained with that concern for thirteen years and for the last five years of that time was general manager, having oversight of the company's interests in fourteen counties. Although he proved a thoroughly efficient executive, he desired to return to the land and severed his connection with the telephone company and took up his residence upon one hundred and twenty acres of fine land that he owned on section 23, Madison township. He has since concentrated his energies largely upon the development of his farm and has proved very successful as an agriculturist, his early training in that line standing him in good stead. Everything about the place is in the best of condition, the equipment for the work of the farm is complete and up-to-date and the residence itself is one of the best country homes of the county.

Mr. Griswold was married on the 11th of March, 1891, to Miss Lula E. Piatt, a daughter of Jacob H. and Emeline (Nelson) Piatt, natives of Ohio and Edgar county, Illinois, respectively. Mr. Piatt became a resident of Illinois at an early day and engaged in farming in Henry county, that state, until 1879, when, accompanied by his family, he removed to this county, buying land in Penn township, which he operated during the remainder of his life. He passed away in March, 1889, when but forty-nine years of age, but his widow reached the age of

seventy-five. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold have had three children: Glenn H., at home; Alice, who is studying music at the conservatory of Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Griswold is a republican and was a candidate for state representative upon that ticket but was defeated at the primaries. He has served as trustee of his township and at the last election was elected assessor of the same. For some time he served as clerk of Penn township, to which office he was elected by popular suffrage. He attends the Presbyterian church and his life is proof of the sincerity of his faith. He is a business man of ability and sound judgment who is finding in farming an opportunity for the application of those principles that underlie all business and his land is yielding him a large return annually. He does not confine his interest, however, to his own affairs but finds time to co-operate heartily in many movements that seek the public welfare and is a valued citizen of his township and county.

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### JOHN R. THOMSON.

After many years of connection with business interests of Madison county John R. Thomson is living in honorable retirement in Earlham. He was born on Great Howard street, Liverpool, England, on the 25th of July, 1839, a son of Hugh M. and Jennie (Robertson) Thomson, both natives of Scotland. The father was a farmer in that country but upon accepting a position as government inspector went to Stafford, where he served as inspector of weights and measures for three years, and was then promoted to inspector of police at Liverpool. During the fight between the Catholics and Orangemen he was twice carried home as dead. On the 17th of June, 1844, he and his family emigrated to America and located upon a farm twelve miles north of Davenport, Iowa, and for twenty-eight years he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He passed away in 1889. His widow survived until 1911, reaching the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. He was very prominent in his locality and was elected to the tenth and eleventh general assemblies. He was also a trustee of the State College of Agriculture at Ames for many years and planted a number of trees that are now upon the campus of that school.

John R. Thomson passed the greater part of his boyhood and youth in Scott county, being but five years old when taken there by his parents. In the district schools of that county he acquired his education and after putting aside his text-books continued to reside with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. Previous to that time he had operated a threshing outfit for several years. In 1868 he purchased four hundred acres of land in Dallas county but did not farm long as on the 20th of December of that year he was hurt in a runaway accident and was compelled to abandon agricultural pursuits. He came to Earlham and entered the general merchandise business, in which he continued for twenty-three years. His stock of goods was up-to-date and well adapted to the demands of the community and as his prices were as reasonable as are consistent with good quality he gained a large share of the patronage of the public. After selling out that business he operated a quarry for about ten years. Since



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disposing of that interest he has lived practically retired in Earlham. He owns a fine residence here, in which he has lived since 1869, or for more than forty-five years. While a factor in the business world he proved energetic and dependable and well earned the right to spend his remaining years in rest and leisure.

Mr. Thomson married Miss Margaret Madden, a daughter of John and Ellen (Spencer) Madden, natives of England, who emigrated to this country and settled in Scott county, Iowa, in 1850. Mr. Madden was a shoemaker in England but after his removal to Scott county turned his attention to farming. Both he and his wife died in that county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson were the parents of three children: Hugh S., cashier of the Bank of Earlham; John Charles, a traveling salesman who resides at Storm Lake, Iowa; and Robert B., who died when three years old. Mrs. Thomson passed away July 15, 1904, and Mr. Thomson married Miss Mary A. Chappel on the 1st of August, 1906. She is a daughter of John J. and Mary (Robinson) Chappel, who spent their entire lives on Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Thomson is a republican and has supported that party since he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has been one of the men of affairs of Earlham, as for many years he served upon the council, and he has also been mayor of the municipality, proving a businesslike and incorruptible official. He was the second postmaster of the town and held that office for three years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge, of which he is a charter member, the chapter and commandery. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and his religion finds expression in his every day life, which is guided by principles of Christianity. Public spirit and integrity have ever been among his salient characteristics and have won for him the respect of those who have come in contact with him.

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#### J. C. THORNBURGH.

J. C. Thornbrugh, who enjoys the distinction of being the oldest living native of Scott township and probably Madison county, owns and operates a farm of one hundred acres on sections 6 and 7, that township, which has been his home from his birth to the present time. His natal day was November 20, 1848, his parents being James and Elizabeth (Fidler) Thornbrugh, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Nelson county, Kentucky. In 1846 they came to this county, settling first on Walker's Ridge and in the spring of the following year taking up their abode on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. James Thornbrugh was one of the very earliest settlers of Madison county and assisted in laying out the town of Winterset. His holdings embraced one hundred and sixty acres of land and when he passed away, at the age of thirty-nine years, the community mourned the loss of one of its representative agriculturists and honored pioneers. His widow, who survived him for many years, was called to her final rest on the 28th of May, 1882. They became the parents of seven children, of whom but two are yet living, namely: J. C., of this review; and Mrs. Rebecca Crawford, who is a resident of Topeka, Kansas.

J. C. Thornbrugh has always operated the farm which was his birthplace and general agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career. He owns one hundred acres of land on sections 6 and 7, Scott township, and in the careful conduct of his farming interests has won an annual income that has enabled him to provide for the support and comfort of his family.

In 1875 Mr. Thornbrugh was united in marriage to Miss Emily Evans, who was born in Kansas in 1855, her parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Adkison) Evans, deceased, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Thornbrugh are the parents of nine children, as follows: Mabel, who gave her hand in marriage to Fred Hood and resides in Idaho; Arthur, who is married and makes his home at Valley Junction, Iowa; Lester, a resident of Denver, who is married and has two children, Mabel and Margaret; Alvin, of Valley Junction, Iowa, who is married and has two children, Helen and Beatrice; Ivy, the wife of Ged Cook, of Des Moines, by whom she has one child, Lucia; Nina, who is the wife of Fred Wilcox, of Ashton, Idaho; Grace, the wife of Fred Compton, of Winterset, by whom she has one child, Margery Maxine; Elizabeth, at home; and James Henry Lloyd, also at home.

The period of Mr. Thornbrugh's residence in this county covers two-thirds of a century and he has been an interested witness of its development from pioneer times down to the present, noting the wonderful transformation that has occurred as frontier conditions have given way before the onward march of civilization. The circle of his friends and acquaintances is a wide one and therefore this record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers.

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#### JOHN L. ROY.

John L. Roy, a farmer of Lincoln township, was a representative of a family who early settled in the county. He was born in Indiana, a son of Thomas and Priscilla (Free) Roy. The father, who was born in Kentucky, was taken by his parents to Henderson county, Indiana, when but eight years of age and there he grew to manhood and upon reaching mature years became a farmer. In 1856 he came with his family to this county and settled in Lincoln township. He served in the Civil war for two years as a member of Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea and participated in all in twenty-three battles. He felt a just pride in his war record and was a member of John A. Pitzer Post, G. A. R., of Winterset. His wife, who was born in North Carolina, was taken to Indiana when quite small and was there married. She accompanied her husband to this county, the journey being made by wagon. She passed away when seventy-six years of age, two years before the demise of her husband, who was called to his last reward on the 8th of March, 1905. They were members of the Baptist church. Their children were nine in number and all but four are deceased.

John L. Roy came to this county with his parents and experienced many of the hardships incident to pioneer life. As he grew older he assisted more and

more in the cultivation of the home farm and upon his father's death fell heir to the property, which comprised about one hundred and twenty acres. He operated his farm, following general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire active life.

On the 13th of March, 1877, Mr. Roy married Miss Paulina Bishop, a native of this county, born on the 3d of August, 1854. She passed away on the 1st of June, 1898. She became a Christian at the age of twelve years and remained a lifelong member of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Roy became the parents of five children: Denny, who died in infancy; Edward, who is farming in Webster township; Iva, who was born August 6, 1881, and died November 10, 1896; Fred, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; and Burt, deceased. Mr. Roy gave his political allegiance to the democratic party and was never remiss in the discharge of the obligations of citizenship. He passed away April 13, 1912, and his demise was the occasion of sincere regret to his many friends, who held him in warm regard.

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### JAMES G. SHRIVER.

James G. Shriver is engaged in the real-estate business in Winterset. He is energetic, capable and determined and these qualities have contributed to his increasing success. He opened his present office in 1906 and in the intervening period to the present has negotiated many important realty transfers.

Winterset numbers Mr. Shriver among her native sons. He was born July 9, 1881, his parents being Captain William R. and Martha (Foster) Shriver, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. The father was reared in the Buckeye state, pursued his education in the public schools there and in the year 1854 arrived in Madison county, Iowa, where he engaged in wagon making for many years. At the time of the Civil war he put aside all business and personal considerations and responded to the country's call for troops, becoming a captain of the First Iowa Cavalry. He was at the front for three years and made an excellent record by reason of his valor and loyalty, inspiring his men to deeds of bravery by reason of his own fearlessness. When the war was over Mr. Shriver followed his trade for a time and then turned his attention to farming. He was called to the office of county clerk by popular suffrage and for two terms filled that position in a capable manner. He also served as postmaster of Winterset under President Benjamin Harrison. In 1890 he retired from business and went to California for the benefit of his wife's health. He remained for two years on the Pacific coast and then returned to Iowa. In 1900 he once more went to California, locating at Los Angeles, where he is now making his home at the age of more than eighty-three years. He is still remarkably preserved for one of that age, retaining his physical and mental faculties to an unusual degree. He belongs to Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset, and is a very active Mason, holding membership in both the lodge and Royal Arch chapter. His political allegiance has long been given to the republican party, which has ever found in him a stalwart advocate. His wife was a native of Indiana and in her girlhood days was brought by her parents to Iowa. She passed away in August, 1890, at the age of

fifty-eight years, dying in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she had long been a consistent member. In their family were seven children: William F.; Warren, deceased; Kate, who became the wife of Arthur Goshorn and died in 1911; Hattie, who has departed this life; Alvin B., who is engaged in the real-estate business at Los Angeles, California; Frank I., deceased; and James G.

The last named was reared in Winterset and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. When twenty-one years of age he began working in real-estate offices and thoroughly acquainted himself with the business, having wide experience and accurate knowledge when in 1906 he embarked in the real-estate business on his own account. He has since handled city and farm property and has secured a good clientage. He became one of the organizers of the Security Loan & Title Company and is now its vice president. This is one of the strong concerns of the kind in the county and the business is growing year by year.

On the 22d of May, 1906, Mr. Shriver was united in marriage to Miss Edith Eastman, a native of Winterset, and they have one son, John E., who is seven years of age. Mrs. Shriver is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Shriver has membership in the Masonic order, being affiliated with the lodge, chapter, commandery and Mystic Shrine. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but is not an office seeker. His entire attention has been given to his business interests and his close application, his thorough study and his unfaltering enterprise have been the salient factors in his growing success.

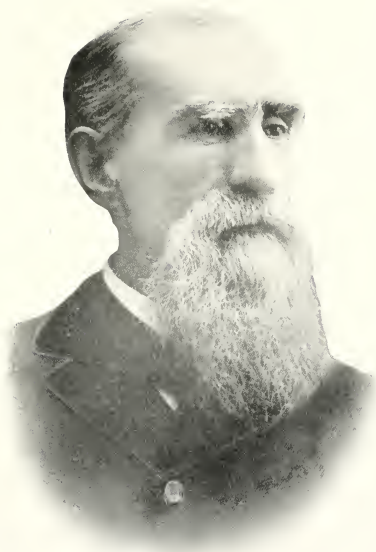
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#### VINCENT WAINWRIGHT.

Vincent Wainwright, who was a successful lawyer of Winterset, was born in the state of New York on the 19th of May, 1835, a son of John and Catherine (Andrews) Wainwright. He received his education in his native state and in 1858, when twenty-three years of age, migrated westward, locating at Leon, Decatur county, Iowa. He was there admitted to the bar and practiced there until 1864, which year witnessed his arrival in Winterset. He at once opened an office here and followed his profession successfully until his death, which occurred about twenty-six years later, on the 14th of January, 1890. He was connected with many important cases and proved a formidable opponent, as his incisive logical mind seized upon the essential points in a controversy and as his power of direct, forcible speech impressed his arguments upon judge and jury.

Mr. Wainwright married Miss Letitia Ellis, who was born in East Tennessee, a daughter of William W. and Lucinda (Hunt) Ellis, natives of the same locality, who removed to Iowa when their daughter was a child. The family home was established in Decatur county and there the father farmed for some time. He held a number of county offices and for many years was county judge. Both he and his wife have passed to their reward. Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright had six children, only two of whom grew to maturity, namely: Bertha, who is the widow of S. W. Foster and resides with her mother; and Edith, the wife of W. S.





VINCENT WAINWRIGHT



Cooper, an attorney of Winterset, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Wainwright was a member of the Presbyterian church and his political belief was that of the democratic party, which he stanchly supported. He was made a Mason in New York state at the age of twenty-one years and joined the lodge here after coming to Winterset. He was also a member of the Eastern Star, to which Mrs. Wainwright belongs. She is still living on South Second avenue, where she has resided for the last forty-nine years. She has made many friends in Winterset and all esteem her highly for her many excellent traits of character. She too is a member of the Presbyterian church and in her life embodies the teachings of Christianity.

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### EUGENE WILSON.

Eugene Wilson, mayor of Winterset and a well known grain dealer and elevator man of this city, was born in Adair county, Iowa, near the line separating that county from Madison county, on the 12th of February, 1871. His parents were Jerry M. and Laura M. (Darby) Wilson, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume. He spent his boyhood upon the home farm and early became familiar with agricultural work. He was given more than usual educational advantages, as, following his completion of the public-school course, he entered Highland Park College of Des Moines Iowa. Upon leaving that institution he engaged in farming a one hundred and twenty acre tract, which his father gave him in Grand River township, this county. After a time, however, he leased the home place and continued to operate it until his father's death. The property was then divided among the heirs and Eugene Wilson inherited three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land. He carried on general farming and stock-raising until 1908, when he rented his land and came to Winterset. He then engaged in the real-estate business, which he had previously followed to a small extent, and about a year later concentrated his attention upon the settling up of his father's estate, of which he was administrator and which represented about two hundred thousand dollars. He next engaged in the automobile business but after about two years turned his attention to the buying and shipping of grain, in which he is still engaged. He has an excellent elevator and handles many carloads of grain annually. His business methods are above suspicion and as he possesses excellent judgment and is energetic and aggressive the volume of his business is constantly increasing. He is president of the National Bank of Macksburg and is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Winterset.

On the 14th of December, 1907, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Pearl Rowe, a native of this county and a daughter of Henry and Almira (Johns) Rowe. Her father is a horse dealer, who is residing in Macksburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born two children: Winter Mamie and Wyman.

Mr. Wilson is a standpat republican, believing in the integrity and wisdom of the party that for so many years successfully governed the country and that still has so large a voice in the control of affairs. In the spring of 1913 he was elected

mayor of Winterset and is still holding that office, proving an efficient and incorruptible official. For two terms he held the office of county surveyor of Adair county while living in that county. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodges of those organizations at Macksburg. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active part in its work. He comes of a family that has long been honored in this county and is proving a worthy successor of his father and grandfather, manifesting marked business ability and at all times conforming his life to high ethical standards.

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#### HERMAN A. KINSMAN.

One of the most respected and well known residents of Douglas township is Herman A. Kinsman, who is farming on section 27. He was born March 26, 1844, in Williamstown, Orange county, Vermont, a son of Dennison and Mary (Martin) Kinsman, also natives of Williamstown. The father was born on the 6th of July, 1818, and the mother on the 11th of March of that year. He began farming in early manhood and became a landowner in the Green Mountain state, but in 1855 removed with his family to Princeton, Illinois, where he became a well known farmer and landowner. In 1867 he left Illinois and came to this county when there were still many evidences of frontier life. He was a member of the Congregational church while living in Illinois, but after coming to this county united with the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder for a number of years. He was active in all phases of church work and his influence was powerful for good in his community. He took a prominent part in public affairs and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. There were five children in the family, three sons and two daughters. James W. enlisted in the Ninety-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry for service in the Civil war and was many times under fire, participating, among other engagements, in the siege of Vicksburg. He was also with Sherman on the famous march to the sea. Jason and Sarah both died in childhood. The elder daughter, Rosanna, makes her home with the subject of this review. At the time of his death in June, 1903, the father was a resident of this county.

Herman A. Kinsman attended the district schools in Illinois, and later Mr. Smith's private school, the Princeton Academy and the Dover (Ill.) Academy. At the age of twenty years he enlisted for one hundred days in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was made first corporal of his company. He did garrison duty at Cairo, Illinois, and in answer to President Lincoln's call served extra time and went with his regiment to Missouri to meet General Price's army. However, he saw no actual fighting. Upon his return home he resumed his education.

In company with his future brother-in-law, Mr. Kinsman started for St. Joseph, Missouri, expecting to journey west with emigrant trains, but he was not able to make such arrangements and returned to Illinois. He was there married and in 1870 removed with his family to this county, where he began farming. Although without financial resources at the time of his arrival here, he became in

time the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fine land, which is still in his possession and he carries on general farming and stock-raising, being considered one of the efficient and successful agriculturists of his township.

Mr. Kinsman was married on the 10th of March, 1870, to Miss Nancy Ward, who was born in Heath, Franklin county, Massachusetts, on the 10th of March, 1849, and died March 25, 1906, many friends mourning her loss. Her parents, Lysander M. and Priscilla (Avery) Ward, were both born in Massachusetts, the father on the 26th of February, 1816, and the mother on the 12th of December, 1818. Lysander M. Ward was a merchant in the old Bay state, but upon removing to Illinois, in 1855, settled upon a farm near Mendota. He lived there until 1882, in which year he went to David City, Nebraska, where he was residing at the time of his death, which occurred on the 24th of April, 1901. His wife had preceded him to the great beyond, her demise occurring on the 3d of January, 1892. He was a landowner and a substantial citizen and his life was such that he commanded the respect of his fellowmen. He was a member of the Congregational church and quite active in its work. He was married twice and had nine children by the two unions, Mrs. Kinsman being the first born of the second marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman were born three children. Jennie, who graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree at Monmouth College, is the wife of Professor Charles Steck, who has the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Chicago and is professor of mathematics in the State College at Durham, New Hampshire. To their union has been born a daughter, Helen Shirley. Faith D. has kept house for her father since her mother's death in 1906. Priscilla is taking music at Northwestern College at Naperville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsman reared a young man, John B. Tullis, now a resident of Alvin, Texas, who remained with the family until twenty-one years of age.

Mr. Kinsman is loyal in his support of the men and measures of the republican party and has held all of the township offices. For the past eight years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Madison County Sunday School Association. He has also for many years been school treasurer, being thus closely identified with two of the greatest agencies for the intellectual and moral advancement of a community. In the late '70s, when the Grange was at its height, he was county deputy and took a great interest in the work of that organization. He is connected with Pitzer Post, G. A. R., of Winterset and has served as vice commander. Although he is well-to-do, his life has not been devoted to the acquiring of individual success alone; on the contrary he has given much time and thought to many public activities and holds a place in the estimation of the public that mere material success could not give.

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#### WALTER E. GRISMER.

Walter E. Grismer is the cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset and the consensus of public opinion places him in a creditable and representative position among the business men of the county. Energy and laudable ambition have carried him steadily forward and give promise of larger success in the future.

Mr. Grismer was born in Hickory Grove, Sangamon county, Illinois, July 10, 1867, a son of Hiram J. and Alivia (Bryant) Grismer. The father, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, was descended from one of the old Pennsylvania families, the name being originally spelled Griesmer, but the present form was adopted by Hiram J. Grismer. He was reared and educated in Pennsylvania and, taking up the study of medicine, completed a course in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia by graduation with the class of 1853. He then located for practice in Ohio and subsequently removed to Hickory Grove, Illinois, where he resided until January, 1868, when he came with his family to Iowa, establishing his home at Mitchellville, Polk county. Because of impaired health he had to abandon the active practice of medicine and in Mitchellville embarked in general merchandising. He there continued until 1876, when he removed to Clay City, Clay county, Indiana, where he conducted a stove and heading business and also was proprietor of a general store. Some time afterward he removed to Oakland City, Gibson county, Indiana, where he continued in the same lines of business and also conducted a hub and spoke factory. He spent two years at that place and then went to Evansville, Indiana, where he conducted a stove and heading business for several years, meeting with substantial success in his undertakings. He purchased fifteen hundred acres of land in Kentucky, his stove and heading business paying for that property. The timber paid for the land, which was then free from all encumbrance and constituted a valuable property. Having disposed of his interests in Indiana, he removed to Denver, Colorado, where he lived practically retired. After making his home in that state for several years he returned to Mitchellville, Iowa, where his death occurred in December, 1894, when he was about sixty-five years of age.

Hiram J. Grismer deserved great credit for what he had accomplished. He was truly a self-made man and as the architect of his own fortunes builded wisely and well. He never allowed obstacles or difficulties to bar his path if they could be overcome by persistent, earnest and honorable effort and it was the wise use that he made of his opportunities that placed him among the men of affluence in the community in which he lived. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church and he ever endeavored to guide his life by the teachings of that organization. Fraternally he was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows. His wife was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was a representative of one of the old families of that state. She was educated and married there and became a pioneer resident of Illinois. She survived her husband, but was stricken with paralysis soon after his death and passed away at the home of her daughter in Denver, Colorado, in March, 1902, when sixty-two years of age. She was also a consistent and faithful Christian, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Walter E. Grismer is the youngest of a family of seven children. His boyhood days were spent at home and his education was acquired in the public schools at Evansville, Indiana, where he continued his course until he had mastered the high-school branches. In 1881 he came to Iowa, settling at Mitchell, where he learned telegraphy, and the following year he entered the employ of the Rock Island Railroad Company, which he represented in Iowa, Texas and Oklahoma for about twenty years. During that period he also engaged in the drug business and worked in a bank at Mitchellville for three or four years. In 1901

he came to Winterset as agent for the Rock Island Railroad Company and in September, 1902, he left that position to accept the proffered position of assistant cashier in the Winterset Savings Bank. There he continued until 1909, when he accepted the cashiership of the First National Bank and has continued in that connection to the present time. He is a courteous and obliging official, doing all in his power to accommodate the patrons of the bank and at the same time carefully safeguarding the interests of the institution.

On Christmas Day, of 1888, Mr. Grismer was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Flower, a native of Ohio, who was reared and educated in Iowa, however, pursuing a course in Mitchellville Seminary. They have one daughter, Anna A., who is attending college at Rockford, Illinois. Mrs. Grismer and her daughter are members of the Episcopal church and the family is well known socially, their home being recognized as the abode of a warm-hearted hospitality.

Mr. Grismer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and is a stalwart advocate of its principles. He has filled the office of city treasurer for several terms, covering probably ten years, and he has served on the school board for two terms. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of America and his brethren of those fraternities find him a congenial comrade and one who is ever loyal to the teachings of the orders. He easily wins personal popularity by reason of an affable, genial manner and he retains his friends through his sterling worth.

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#### HENRY A. AND ROBERT GLADSTONE FOSTER.

Henry A. and Robert Gladstone Foster are numbered among the most successful and enterprising farmers of Madison township and have the respect of their community. Henry A. was born in Scotland, December 18, 1873, and Robert Gladstone was born in that country, August 29, 1884, and their parents, Robert and Grace (Megget) Foster were also natives of the land of the hills and heather. The father followed farming there until 1880, when he removed with his family to America, locating in Nebraska, where they remained for one year. Thence they went to Adams county, Iowa, where the father purchased land, but after a short time he sold his holdings in that county and removed to Dallas county, this state, leasing a section of land which was called the Givin ranch. He operated that during the remainder of his lifetime and passed away in April, 1895. The demise of his wife occurred in Scotland.

Henry A. and Robert G. Foster both accompanied their father to this country, but after two years Henry A. left the parental roof and went to Montana, where he worked upon the range for about two years. Following that he removed to Kansas and operated a ranch until 1894. He then sold it and returned to Scotland, but after fourteen months came again to America and leased a farm in Madison county, Iowa, a mile north of Earlham. He continued to operate that place for five years, but after four years purchased two hundred and four acres on section 7, Madison township, which he has now cultivated for several years.

His brother Robert G. is in partnership with him and they together have made the farm one of the best improved places in this county. They raise nothing but high grade stock and are among the largest feeders in the county, averaging three hundred head of cattle per year, and in 1914 they fed twelve hundred head of sheep. In addition to their own land they operate one hundred and sixty acres of leased land and in all that they do display not only energy and initiative, but also excellent business judgment.

Henry A. Foster was married on the 26th of December, 1904, to Miss Jameseen Anderson, a daughter of Peter and Isabella (King) Anderson, both natives of Scotland. Her father was a farmer and had the reputation of being one of the best judges of stock in all of Scotland. He died on the 20th of November, 1893, but was survived by his wife until June 12, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have a daughter, Isabella King, who is nine years of age.

Robert G. Foster is a member of the Masonic order and the Eastern Star. Both brothers are identified with the Presbyterian church and their influence is always given to the side of right and progress. Politically they support the republican party, believing firmly in the wisdom of its policies. They have achieved much in their chosen line of work, as citizens are highly valued and as men hold the confidence and esteem of all who have been brought in contact with them.

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#### ROBERT R. DAVISSON, M. D.

Dr. Robert R. Davisson, a prominent physician of Winterset, is the son of one of the best known pioneer physicians of this part of Iowa, and also the grandson of a successful physician. He was born in Winterset on the 10th of October, 1865, his parents being Dr. David DeKalb and Mary A. (Jenkins) Davisson. The father's birth occurred in Clarksburg, Virginia, August 29, 1828, and his parents were David and Maria (De Vecmon) Davisson, both natives of the Old Dominion. Dr. David Davisson, Sr., was born in Clarksburg in 1770, and our subject has his commission as surgeon in the militia of Virginia, issued in 1810 and signed by J. G. Jackson, who was an uncle of "Stonewell" Jackson. Dr. Davisson also served through the War of 1812 as a surgeon and lived to more than round out a century, passing away in Virginia when one hundred years and six months old. His father, who bore the name of Andrew Davisson, was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, and served as an officer in the English army. While still a young man he emigrated to the colonies and served in the state militia of Virginia when Patrick Henry was governor. The grandmother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Miss Maria De Vecmon, was born in Virginia, a daughter of Peter De Vecmon, a native of France.

Dr. David DeKalb Davisson, the father of our subject, was born in Clarksburg, Virginia, and was there educated in a military academy, in which one of the instructors was "Stonewall" Jackson. He later studied medicine in Baltimore, but before completing the course decided to abandon the profession, and came west, locating in Washington county, Iowa, in 1847. As there were no physicians in that locality, he was forced to begin practice. He was later a







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resident of Nebraska for a time and upon his return to Iowa, in 1853, settled in Winterset, where he was married and continued to reside until his death, with the exception of about a year spent in Adel, Iowa. He continued to practice and as he was always a student and read widely on medical subjects, he kept abreast with the developments of medical science. His practice covered a large territory, as was usual in the early days, and he often rode many miles over very bad roads. He continued active until about a year before his death, which occurred December 28, 1902, when he was seventy-four years of age. He was a man of magnificent physique, six feet and one-fourth inch tall, and weighed from one hundred and ninety to two hundred and twenty pounds. His strong constitution and great vitality enabled him to endure the hardships of pioneer life and to perform the arduous duties that devolve upon a successful physician. Fraternally he was a member of the Masonic order. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Mary A. Jenkins, was born in Carrollton, Ohio, and was a daughter of William Jenkins, a merchant, who in the spring of 1844 removed to the eastern part of Iowa. Subsequently he took up his residence in Mahaska county, where he entered land and became one of the pioneer farmers, but later engaged in business in Winterset, where he passed away. His daughter, Mary A., was but a girl when the family came to Iowa and was at Fort Des Moines at the time when the Indians signed the treaty giving the land which is now Madison county to the government. Her girlhood experiences here were very interesting, and her reminiscences cover an important chapter in the history of the state. In 1853 she accompanied the family to Madison county and her father built the house in Winterset now owned by our subject. Her brother, Wilton A. Jenkins, became colonel of the Fifth Kansas Regiment, having gone from Winterset to Kansas to enlist. After the war he located in Chicago, where he was living at the time of the great fire and where he engaged in the hotel business with good success. Mrs. Davisson passed away in 1898, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. She was the mother of four children: Ralph, who died when young; Kate, who died at the age of fourteen years; Robert R.; and Ross, who died in infancy.

Dr. Robert R. Davisson passed his boyhood under the parental roof and attended the public and high schools of Winterset. When about eighteen years of age he began working in a printing office here, but shortly afterward entered the Keokuk Medical College, having decided to follow the profession to which his father and grandfather had devoted their lives. After spending a year in that school he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1890. He returned to his native city and has since remained here, building up a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Madison County, the Rock Island and the Iowa State Medical Societies and finds much of value in the deliberations of those bodies. He has never supposed his knowledge concerning disease and its treatment to be complete, but has continually sought by study to keep informed in regard to the discoveries of investigators in all parts of the world. He is painstaking in diagnosis and this trait has had much to do with his gratifying success as a physician.

Dr. Davisson is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge, the Des Moines Consistory and the Shrine, and not only wears the pin that signifies him a Mason, but is true to the basic principles of Masonry.

namely the brotherhood of mankind. That he should achieve professional success in his native city and hold the personal respect and regard of those who have known him from boyhood is high tribute to his worth as a physician and as a man.

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### JOHN CATTERLIN.

John Catterlin is conducting the leading harness establishment in Winterset and is the oldest merchant in this line of business in the city. He became identified therewith in 1864 and for many years has conducted the establishment of which he is the proprietor. Well defined purpose and unfaltering energy have been the salient factors in his advancement and have made his record one which might profitably be followed by those who wish to attain honorable success.

Mr. Catterlin is a native of Indiana, his birth having occurred in Adams county on the 4th of October, 1841. His father, John Catterlin, was a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, and was a son of Joseph Catterlin, who was probably born in Germany. His last days were spent in Ohio, where he passed away at the notable old age of one hundred and five years. His son, John Catterlin, was reared, educated and married in Ohio and when a young man he removed to Indiana, making the journey westward with a yoke of oxen and a wagon. He settled in the midst of the timber and there he hewed out a farm, clearing the land of trees, grubbing up the stumps and then cultivating the fields. He became the owner of two hundred acres of rich and productive land and upon that farm resided until his death, which resulted from pneumonia in 1852. He was a successful farmer for those days and he was an active and consistent member of the Methodist church. He married Hannah Heath, who was also a native of Ohio and was of Scotch descent. She became one of the pioneer women of Indiana, meeting the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life. Her home was always the headquarters for the preachers who visited the neighborhood and she was always willing and ready to entertain the traveler. She had twelve children, ten of whom reached adult years and reared families.

John Catterlin, whose name introduces this review, was the eleventh in order of birth. His boyhood days were spent upon the home farm in the wilds of Indiana, where he remained until 1855, when, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than the work of the fields, he left home and went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to learn the harness maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. It was in 1858 that the family removed to the west, settling near Newbern, Iowa. John Catterlin accompanied his mother and family and worked in Chariton until September, 1861, when he returned to Van Wert county, Ohio. There he enlisted as a soldier of the Union army in response to the country's call for troops, becoming a member of Company A, Forty-sixth Ohio Infantry, in which he served as a private for two years, when he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He participated in the battle of Shiloh and in other important engagements. In the fall of 1863 he returned to Iowa, making his way to Madison county, where he carried on general farming for a year. In 1864 he took up his abode in Winterset and here began working at his trade. At

that time there were only a few houses in the town and on all sides were seen evidences of pioneer life. Mr. Catterlin worked for others for about fifteen years and then opened a harness shop on his own account, establishing business on a small scale. His trade increased, however, as the years went by and he has been continuously in business in this city until he is today the oldest merchant of Winterset. A liberal patronage has long been accorded him and as he is thoroughly acquainted with every phase of the harness trade he is able to meet the wishes of his patrons.

In 1863 Mr. Catterlin was united in marriage to Miss Martha Ellen Heath, a native of Ohio. She died in Winterset in 1873, leaving three children: Sherman, a traveling man of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Myrtle, who has passed away; and Daisy, who is the wife of I. W. Barnett, living in California. For his second wife Mr. Catterlin chose Miss Nannie Eyerly, a native of Iowa, who died in 1898. They were the parents of four children: Fay, who died at the age of seven years; Fern; John, deceased; and Mary. Mr. Catterlin's third wife was Miss Idlewild Redfield.

Politically Mr. Catterlin is a republican, staunch and stalwart in his support of the party, but while he has loyally advocated its principles he has never accepted office as a reward for party fealty. In 1863 he was made a Mason at Chariton and when he removed to Winterset he demitted to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M. This was in the winter of 1864 and he is now the only living member of the lodge that was here at the time he joined. He is likewise affiliated with Winterset Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., and the Knights Templar Commandery and Mystic Shrine at Des Moines. He is likewise connected with Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Methodist church, which finds in him a loyal supporter. He is today the oldest active business man in Winterset and the oldest Mason of his lodge. He has passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and yet is as active as most men of sixty. He began business here with a small harness shop and limited capital and he now has a large establishment, employing several men and carrying a full line of harness, saddlery, blankets, etc. Success has come to him as the merited reward of close application and unfaltering energy. Besides his business he owns a fine modern residence and is ever a courteous and genial host. He possesses a happy, kindly disposition, while all who know him entertain for him the warmest regard.

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#### THOMAS HAMLIN TRAVIS.

One hundred and eighty-seven acres of well improved land in Scott township is the property of Thomas Hamlin Travis and its excellent condition is proof of his energy and progressive spirit. He was born in Walnut township, this county, on the 2d of February, 1859, of the marriage of M. B. and Lovina (Beyer) Travis. The father was born in Pennsylvania on the 1st of November, 1816, and the mother's birth occurred in that state on the 3d of July, 1827. Their marriage was celebrated on the 20th of January, 1847, and in 1855 they removed to Madison county, Iowa. They went by water to Keokuk and drove from there

to Winterset in a buggy. Their household goods were brought to this county from Keokuk by team. After living in Winterset for a year they settled on a farm in Walnut township, which comprised eighty acres. The first buildings were merely a log shanty and a log stable but in later years more commodious structures were erected. The father also added eighty acres to his holdings and found that the cultivation of his quarter section demanded his whole time and undivided attention. He passed away on the 1st of April, 1879, and after his death his widow lived with their son Thomas H. in Peru for two years. At the end of that time she purchased property in that village, and resided there until her death, which occurred on the 22d of June, 1903. Mr. Travis was a republican and at one time was assessor of his township. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and took a helpful interest in its work.

They were the parents of nine children, as follows: Sylvester, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 31st of October, 1847, and resides on a farm in Walnut township; Leander Lynch, who was born in the Keystone state on the 14th of December, 1848, and died on the 18th of May, 1852; Mary E., born July 7, 1851, the widow of James Foresman and a resident of Winterset; William M., of Winterset, born in Pennsylvania on the 28th of December, 1852; John Beyer, a native of the Keystone state, born May 5, 1854, who is now a farmer of Walnut township; Lovina Caroline, who was born May 31, 1856, in this county, and is now the wife of John Schoenenberger, of Walnut township; Thomas Hamlin; Samuel Clarke, who was born May 16, 1860, and is residing in Dodge City, Kansas; and Eva May, born October 11, 1864, who married Albert F. Foster, of Great Bend, Barton county, Kansas.

Thomas Hamlin Travis was reared upon the home farm and as his strength increased aided more and more in the work of the homestead, thus familiarizing himself with practical methods of agriculture. When twenty-one years of age he began work by the month for others but after one season rented land which he operated. In 1888 he homesteaded in Rawlins county, Kansas, and resided there for eight years, after which he returned to Madison county and farmed for one year. He then engaged in the butchering business in Peru, but at the end of three years sold out and purchased forty acres of land in Scott township. A year later he bought a meat market and conducted it for eighteen months. On the expiration of that period he traded his land for another farm and in 1913 bought the Andrew Rollstin farm on sections 21 and 22, Scott township, which comprises one hundred and eighty-seven acres of land. He has since operated that farm and raises the crops best suited to soil and climate, his labors yielding him a good return annually. He also raises some high grade stock and is prospering in both lines of his activity.

Mr. Travis was married in this county to Miss Eliza Alice Burd, who was born here of the marriage of Anderson and Elizabeth Ann (Rhodes) Burd, early settlers of Madison county, now residing in Rawlins county, Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Travis have been born seven children: Delwin E. married Miss May Hann, who passed away leaving a son, Harold E., and he was again married March 3, 1915, Miss Nellie Rollstin becoming his wife. Ethel May is the wife of William Sawhill, of Ohio township. Lena M. died when seven years of age. Wayne died in childhood. Elwood, Warren and Donald are all at home.



Mr. and Mrs. Travis and their eldest son are members of the Methodist church and the last named is now serving as township assessor. Our subject is a stalwart democrat and never falters in his allegiance to his party. He has taken considerable interest in the records of the family and at the time of the division of his parents' estate he purchased the family Bible for ten dollars, and the dates given in this sketch are taken therefrom. All those who know him have implicit confidence in his integrity and ability, and he is justly ranked among the progressive and successful farmers of his township.

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REV. J. C. WHITE.

Rev. J. C. White, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Winterset, was born at Paradise, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, a son of John B. and Bridget (Lennan) White, both of whom were natives of Ireland. When young people they came to the United States and were married in Binghamton, New York, where the father worked on a railroad. Coming to Iowa about 1855, he settled in Des Moines and later removed to Lee township, Madison county, where he purchased a tract of land and thereafter followed farming until his death, which occurred on the 25th of January, 1888, when he was seventy-six years of age. His widow survived him for almost two decades and died in 1907, when about eighty-five years of age. They were both members of the Catholic church and in that faith they reared their family of eight children, who grew to years of maturity.

Rev. J. C. White was the second in order of birth and was about fourteen years of age when he entered the office of an architect of Des Moines, with whom he remained for three years. He afterward engaged in teaching school in Madison and Warren counties, Iowa, and during that time improved his leisure hours by study, reading Latin and also mastering other branches. His early education had been acquired in the district and parochial schools and in the high school of Des Moines. His later education was pursued in St. Joseph's College at Dubuque, at Florissant, Missouri, in St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, and in the Grand Seminary of Montreal, Canada. Having thus prepared for the priesthood, he was ordained by Bishop John McMullen, of Davenport, Iowa, on the 29th of October, 1882. His first charge was at Chariton, Iowa, where he remained for twenty months, when he was transferred to Marengo, Iowa, there continuing for eight and a half years, during which time he paid off a debt of six thousand dollars on the parish property, improved the church, laid out a cemetery and also organized a congregation and built a church at Williamsburg, Iowa, acting as priest at that place during the last four years of his stay at Marengo. He was then transferred to Williamsburg, where he remained for three and a half years and while there built the largest church edifice in the county of Parnell, Iowa, which he attended from Williamsburg. During that time he was also a very active temperance worker and succeeded in closing every saloon in the county, or made it impossible to run one with profit, and accordingly all were closed. He was then transferred to Dunlap, Iowa, and at the same time had charge of the churches at Magnolia, Modale and Little

Sioux and organized and built a church at Woodbine. He continued his active prosecution of temperance work and was largely instrumental in closing the saloons in Harrison county, Iowa. He was next transferred to Avoca, Iowa, where he remained for a few months and then went to South Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was in charge of St. Patrick's church for one year. He then had to secure leave of absence on account of the condition of his eyes. He was afterward chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for a year and in 1908 he resumed active work in the priesthood, being sent to Maloy, Iowa, where he remained for six years and nine months. While there he rebuilt the church at Kellerton and also built churches and organized congregations at Diagonal and Mount Ayr. He did good work in all of these places and in 1914 came to Winterset to assume the duties of the pastorate of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

While at Ottumwa, Iowa, Father White purchased property for a school and while at Chariton bought property at Osceola and raised funds for the building of a new church at that place. Father White and his brother are the owners of a stock ranch in Dallas county and have quite a large herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. He is a member of the national board of the Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association. He has also taken a deep interest in political questions and issues and did campaign work for William Jennings Bryan during his first and last campaigns for the presidency. Father White is a man of strong physique, large and well proportioned, and energetic. He is a fluent speaker and a man of strong personality. His influence has been widely felt in behalf of temperance and along those lines which work for moral progress. He has ever won a strong following for the church and his people have the greatest respect and regard for him both as pastor and man.

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#### ANDREW MACUMBER.

Andrew Macumber, who is practically living retired upon his land, is the owner of fourteen hundred acres and for many years was a farmer and stock-raiser on a large scale. He was born in Gallia county, Ohio, December 5, 1841, and is a son of John A. and Emily (Huntley) Macumber, also natives of that county, the former born on the 11th of October, 1820, and the latter on the 22d of February, 1820. The paternal grandparents were Alexander and Esther Macumber, natives of Dartmouth township, Bristol county, Massachusetts, born respectively on the 13th of February, 1788, and the 2d of November, 1786. Mrs. Emily Macumber passed away in Ohio on the 8th of October, 1846, and Mr. Macumber was subsequently married to Miss Sarah Hartsook, who was born in Gallia county, Ohio, August 2, 1827, and died in Madison county, Iowa, May 2, 1888. Mr. Macumber had removed to this county with his family in November, 1853. He entered government land in Lincoln township and devoted the remainder of his life to the development of his farm, passing away here on the 23d of January, 1907. He was the father of twelve children, four by his first and eight by his second marriage, namely: Andrew, of this review; Henry, who died in Lincoln township; Alexander, a resident of Walnut township; Lindsey A., who resides in Webster township; William, who died in childhood; George and John, twins, both residing



JOHN A. MACUMBER



in Nebraska; Edward, who is living in Oklahoma; James, who died in childhood; Peter, deceased; E. E., a resident of California; and Esther Ann, the wife of W. W. Greer, of Lincoln township.

Andrew Macumber was a lad of eleven years when brought to this county by his parents and as pioneer conditions prevailed here at that time his educational opportunities were limited. On the 24th of October, 1861, when not quite twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company I, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out with his command at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 10th of August, 1865. He participated in many battles and his record was that of a brave and loyal soldier. Upon his return home he with his brother Henry purchased two hundred acres of land which was later divided between them. As his resources increased he bought more land, believing it to be the safest investment, and is now the owner of fourteen hundred acres all in one body in Lincoln township. There are four sets of buildings upon the place and everything is kept in excellent repair. For forty years he fed from a carload to two hundred head of cattle per year and his profits from stock-raising were gratifying. He also did general farming and found that occupation also remunerative. He is now practically retired and has rented his land to his sons.

Mr. Macumber was married in this county to Miss Elizabeth McKibban, who was born on the 21st of August, 1844, in Clinton county, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Ratcliff) McKibban, both natives of Clinton county, Ohio, whence they removed to Knox county, Illinois, in 1854 and to Iowa in 1864, settling in Lincoln township, Madison county. Both have passed to their reward. To Mr. and Mrs. Macumber have been born four children. W. E., operating a part of his father's land, married Ella Reynolds and has two children, Mildred and Winifred. Mary E., twin to W. E., is the wife of E. V. Callison, a farmer of Lincoln township, by whom she has three children, Albert, Lloyd and Wilbur. Elwood, who is also on his father's farm, married Verna Deardorf and they have five children, Robert, Roland, Morris, Frances and Marian. Ora, on the home farm, married Ella Kennedy and they have three children, Iris, Ruth and Avery.

Mr. Macumber is a progressive republican and is willing to make any sacrifice of time and energy to promote the interests of that party. He has held a number of township offices and in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him has proved capable and conscientious. He is a member of Pitzer Post, G. A. R., and his wife is a member of the Christian Union church, in the work of which she has been quite active. Mr. Macumber has been one of the leaders in agricultural development in his county and his years of strenuous activity entitle him to a period of rest and leisure.

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#### FREEMAN DE LOSS CAMPBELL.

Freeman De Loss Campbell, deceased, was for a number of years a successful dealer in coal, grain and lumber in Winterset and was very popular among his fellow townsmen. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 27th of May, 1855,

of the marriage of Harvey and Priscilla Campbell, who, when he was but a small child, removed with their family to Edgar county, Illinois. After living there for a short time they went to Vermilion county, that state, taking up their residence near Sidney.

When sixteen years of age Freeman D. Campbell came to Iowa, locating in Adair county, and for some time carried the mail from Winterset to Cromwell, making the trip twice a week on horseback. In 1874, when nineteen years of age, he came to Winterset and began clerking for Smith & Ballard. For thirteen years he was employed by that and other firms here. He was then engaged in the coal and grain business until upon the organization of the Citizens Bank he was made cashier. Subsequently he again turned his attention to the grain, coal and lumber business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. He was a man of excellent judgment in regard to financial matters and built up an extensive and lucrative trade.

Mr. Campbell married Miss Flora B. Dickson, a native of Vermilion county, Illinois, and they became the parents of a daughter, Geneva, who is at home. Mr. Campbell united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1888 and carried his religion into his business as well as into the other relations of his life. He was not only strictly honest but was also kind and genial and made many warm friends. His home life was ideal, and his wife and daughter sustained an irreparable loss in his demise, which occurred as the result of a stroke of paralysis, December 22, 1913, after a short illness. The family residence, which is one of the finest homes in Winterset, was erected by him ten years ago after his own plans. Although he served as mayor of Winterset two different terms and was a staunch republican in politics he was never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He stood high in the community and at his death left a host of warm friends. Mrs. Campbell is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and she and her daughter are held in the highest esteem.

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#### WILLIAM S. COOPER.

William S. Cooper, who is an attorney of Winterset, practicing successfully, was born in Beaver, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of January, 1873, a son of Robert H. Cooper, mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. He has been a resident of Winterset since 1879, arriving here when but six years of age, and in the public schools he began his education, which he continued through successive grades until he was qualified for college work. He afterward entered Des Moines College and therein pursued his more specifically literary course. Later he studied in the law department in the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and also pursued his legal studies under the direction of A. R. Dabney, of Winterset. In 1894 he was admitted to the bar and began practice with his former preceptor in 1895. This relationship was maintained until 1900, when Mr. Cooper purchased the interest of his partner and has since been alone in practice. He is regarded as one of the able attorneys of Winterset, strong in argument, clear in his reasoning, logical in his deductions and seldom, if ever, at fault in the citation of a legal principle or precedent.

On the 4th of December, 1902, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Edith Wainwright, a native of Winterset and a daughter of Vincent and Letitia (Ellis) Wainwright, the former a native of New York and the latter of Tennessee. In the year 1864 her father arrived in Winterset, where he entered upon the practice of law, in which he continued until his death. Mention of him will be found on other pages of this volume. Mrs. Cooper was reared here and pursued her early education in the public schools, while later she attended Leland Stanford University of California. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Bertha and Vincent W., both at home.

Mr. Cooper exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has held some local offices, having been called to the position of county attorney in 1903 and serving therein until 1907. In 1908 he was made president of the school board and acted in that capacity until 1912, proving himself a stalwart friend of the cause of education. He did much to advance the interests of the schools and he was equally loyal in upholding the legal interests of the county when serving as county attorney. He belongs to Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., and to the Presbyterian church and his life has ever been guided by high and honorable principles, making him a man of genuine worth, whom to know is to respect and honor.

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### JESSE E. HESTER.

Jesse E. Hester, who is farming and raising high grade stock on sections 2 and 3, Penn township, was born in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 24th of January, 1869, a son of Thomas C. and Emeline (Newlin) Hester, both natives of Vermilion county, that state. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, went to Edgar county when but a boy and subsequently bought land there, which he improved and operated until he sold the place and moved back to Vermilion county, where he died. For twenty years he also bought and shipped stock. He passed away in August, 1908, and is survived by his wife, who resides in Parke county, Indiana.

Jesse E. Hester is indebted for his education to the public schools of Edgar and Vermilion counties, Illinois, and to his father's training for his early knowledge of agricultural work. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age and for a number of years of that time farmed and bought stock in partnership with his father. Upon beginning his independent business career he rented land in Vermilion county, which he operated for three years, after which he purchased land in Edgar county and cultivated it for a like period of time. He then came to Madison county, Iowa, and bought one hundred and fifty-four acres of land on section 2, Penn township. He concentrated his energies upon its improvement and as he prospered bought more land until he acquired title to two hundred and sixty-five acres, which he has operated for fourteen years. He devotes some of his attention to the raising of stock, specializing in thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs. He feeds about two carloads of cattle per year and his stock-raising activities yield him a good income.

Mr. Hester was married in June, 1894, to Miss Anna Holaday, and they had three children: Ethel, who is teaching school in Illinois; and Thomas and Ralph, both attending school. Mrs. Hester passed away in March, 1900, after a short illness. In August, 1904, Mr. Hester was again married, Miss Olive M. Hockett becoming his wife. Her parents, James and Mary Hockett, were pioneers of Madison county. The father makes his home in Earlham but the mother is deceased. To Mr. Hester's second union four children have been born: Russell and Wilma, who are attending school; Chalmers, aged five years; and Herschel, who is in his second year.

Mr. Hester is a republican as he is convinced of the validity of the position of the party on the various issues in our national political life. His religious faith is that of the Friends church, of which he is a member, and his splendid qualities of character have gained him the unqualified respect of those who have come in contact with him either in business or in a social way.

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#### WILLIAM HARTSOOK.

William Hartsook has lived upon his present fine farm in Lincoln township for about sixty-one years and in the early days in this county met and overcame all of the difficulties and obstacles that confronted the first settlers. He was born in Gallia county, Ohio, on the 28th of December, 1828, a son of Peter and Ann (Wooten) Hartsook, the former born in Frederick county, Maryland, in October, 1792, and the latter a quarter of a mile from the birthplace of her son William on the 17th of November, 1804. Her parents were Bell and Jane (Gilliland) Wooten, natives respectively of Scotland and Ireland. Our subject's paternal grandfather was William Hartsook, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, whence he and six brothers emigrated to America, settling first in Pennsylvania and later in Maryland. The grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war and did his part in securing the independence of the United States. In 1815 he removed to Ohio and continued to reside there until called by death.

Peter and Ann (Wooten) Hartsook were married in Ohio and in 1850 removed to Knox county, Illinois. Three years later they drove overland to Madison county, Iowa, reaching Lincoln township in October. During the first night spent in this county they were guests of Andrew H. Bertholf, who freely extended them the hospitality of his log house. As there were ten children in each of the families, there was much crowding, but that was a minor matter in pioneer days. Mr. Hartsook entered land from the government in Monroe township and settled upon his farm, devoting his remaining years to its cultivation. He served his country well as a soldier in the War of 1812. He passed away when seventy-two years of age, but his widow survived until she reached the advanced age of ninety. He was a member of the Lutheran church, but she was a Presbyterian. They were the parents of thirteen children: Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Paul Moore, of Knox county, Illinois; Mahala, who died when a girl of sixteen; Amelia, who died in infancy; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of John A. Macumber; William, of this review; Cynthia, the deceased wife of E. R. Denny, a resident of Oklahoma; Balser, who died in Kansas; Elizabeth and Hiram,





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HARTSOOK



both of whom died in infancy; Salem, who passed away while in the Union army during the Civil war; Benjamin F., whose demise occurred in Monroe township, this county, and who is survived by a widow and three children; David A., who passed away when twenty-two years old; and Melissa, who died in infancy.

William Hartsook spent his boyhood days in Gallia county, Ohio. At one time the family started to move to Indiana but stopped on the way somewhere near Dayton, Ohio. The mother, who was a woman of extraordinary determination, felt that the move was an unwise one and prevailed upon the family to return to Gallia county. It was necessary to hire a man to take their goods back, and as the family was in most limited financial circumstances, our subject paid the moving bill by binding oats and pulling beans four or five seasons. In 1874 he made a visit to his old home county and recognized the man who had moved them back to Gallia county. The man, however, did not recognize him until he was asked if he remembered "the boy who was such a good bean puller." Before he accompanied his parents to Iowa he worked upon the river and made three trips to New Orleans, floating down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers on a flat-boat of produce and returning by steamer. In 1850 he made a trip overland to California in search of gold, driving a mule team. More than once he narrowly escaped death on the long journey and on one occasion he and a companion were lost from the train and only accidentally located it in a clump of bushes, which hid all except one corner of the covered wagon. He remained in the Golden state for two and a half years but met with indifferent success. Upon coming to Iowa in 1853 he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government, which he soon afterward traded, however, for the quarter section which had been entered by his brother-in-law, John A. Macumber. There was no sign of a building upon the place and the land was yet unbroken, but it had been his ambition for a long time to own land and he set to work to make out of this tract of wild prairie a cultivated farm. His energy and good judgment brought him success and he now owns two hundred and forty acres of land and has a splendid set of buildings upon the place. For about ten years after his marriage he and his wife lived in a one-room log house, sixteen by eighteen feet in dimensions, and the first improvement was the erection of a lean-to. On Christmas Day, 1860, they moved into their present residence, which is a well appointed farm home.

In 1860 in Lincoln township Mr. Hartsook was united in marriage to Miss Catherine R. Smoot, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, on the 11th of July, 1844, a daughter of James W. and Jemima (Wight) Smoot, the former born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, May 12, 1801, and the latter in Rush county, Indiana, January 6, 1823. They settled in Illinois but eventually removed to Madison county, Iowa, locating in Lincoln township, where the father died at the age of eighty years and the mother when seventy-eight years old. They were the parents of five children: Mrs. Hartsook; Adeline, now Mrs. Charles Laidley, of Madison township; Coleman, who was murdered near Montrose, Colorado; Albert, who is unmarried and who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook; and William N., of Centerville, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook have been born nine children: A. W., a traveling salesman of Des Moines, who married Jane Seiler, by whom he has three children, Arthur, Robert and Fred; Elida, who died when twenty years of age;

James W., a farmer of Adair county, Iowa, who married Miss Hettie Lake and has three children, Ralph, Lloyd and Fern; George, who passed away when a young man of twenty-six years; F. P., of Winterset, who married Miss Lavina Foresman, by whom he has a daughter, Helen; Nellie, the wife of Frank Bell, who is operating the farm belonging to our subject, and the mother of a son, Stanley; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Newton Newell, of Warren, Arkansas; Grace Adeline, the wife of Ralph T. Schoenenberger, a farmer of Scott township, by whom she has three children, Catherine, John and Paul; and Ben Butler, a farmer of Lincoln township, who married Miss Vernie Hann, by whom he has four children, Loraine, Howard, Curtis and Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Hartsook have fifteen grandchildren.

Mr. Hartsook and his wife have been members of the Christian Union church in the neighborhood for years and have done much to promote the spread of its influence. He also belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset. He cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce and continued to support the democratic party until he became one of the organizers of the granger or greenback party, but is now a progressive republican. For a number of terms he was township trustee and he lacked but one term of being school director for twenty years. He celebrated the eighty-sixth anniversary of his birth on the 28th of December, 1914, and in 1910 he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. He is not only one of the oldest men in the county but has probably lived longer on one farm than any other man within its limits. His health is still good and he can read newspapers without the aid of glasses. He and his wife are both very hospitable and are well liked as well as highly respected in their locality. When returning from the gold fields of California Mr. Hartsook traveled by water, sailing through Lake Nicaragua. He contracted fever in the tropics and nearly lost his life on the Caribbean sea. He not only has many interesting recollections of the life in the mining camps of California but also of conditions in Madison county in the pioneer days when the comforts and conveniences that are now taken as a matter of course were unheard of and when there was much to test a man's resolution and courage. His standard of life has always been high and the honored old age which he is enjoying is the direct result of his integrity and industry in the years gone by.

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#### DAVID MILLS.

David Mills, deceased, was a highly esteemed citizen of Earlham and there are many who still cherish his memory. He was born in Henry county, Indiana, in 1824, a son of David and Esther Mills, natives of Ohio, who in an early day went to Indiana, where both resided until called to their reward.

David Mills of this review was reared and educated in the Hoosier state and was there married. In the '50s he removed to this county and purchased land near Earlham. He subsequently bought other land and at different times owned a number of farms in the county. He was successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and for many years followed those pursuits. At length he removed to Earlham and lived retired there for about fourteen years before his demise.

which occurred on the 4th of July, 1906. His assiduous labor and careful management had given him more than a competence and none begrudged him his leisure.

Mr. Mills was twice married, his first union being with Miss Mary A. Ballard who became his wife on the 26th of March, 1851. She passed away on the 20th of August, 1888, and on the 7th of October, 1889, Mr. Mills married Mrs. Ann (Mendenhall) Wroe, a daughter of John and Mildred (Barnett) Mendenhall, natives of Ohio. Her father was born in 1811 and upon reaching manhood turned his attention to farming. He became a resident of Indiana when that state was largely a wild and unsettled district and there purchased one hundred and thirty acres of land, paying for the whole tract but one hundred dollars. He improved his farm and operated it until he passed away on the 8th of March, 1847, at the early age of thirty-six years. His wife died on the 7th of October, 1851. Their daughter Ann became the wife of William H. Wroe on the 7th of June, 1870. He was a pioneer of Madison county and was engaged in the nursery business here at the time of his death, which occurred in 1880. To Mr. and Mrs. Wroe were born two children: Valverda J., the wife of Allen Kenworthy, residing in Dallas county; and John M., who is farming in the state of Washington. Mrs. Mills has a nice home in Earlham, where she resides, and she also owns a fine residence that she rents and eighty acres of land near Earlham. She is a member of the Friends church and exemplifies in her life those virtues that have always been associated with the Quakers, or Friends. She is held in the highest esteem by all who know her and there are many who value highly her friendship and goodwill.

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#### SYLVESTER RENSHAW.

Sylvester Renshaw, who is living retired in Earlham, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of August, 1845. His parents, George S. and Martha (Evans) Renshaw, were natives of Virginia but the father became a resident of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, at an early period. He was a farmer by occupation and followed agricultural pursuits in the Keystone state until 1852, when he removed with his family to Delaware county, Iowa, and for a year resided there. He then removed to Clayton county, and purchased land which he operated during the remainder of his life. He died in 1868 at the age of sixty-five years and was survived for many years by his widow, whose demise occurred in 1900, when she was eighty-five years old.

Sylvester Renshaw is indebted to the common schools of Pennsylvania and of Clayton county, Iowa, for his scholastic training and to his father for his early knowledge concerning agricultural matters. When twenty-two years of age he began farming for himself and went to Missouri, where his father-in-law gave him land. He operated his place there for a little over a year but in 1870 came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land in Jefferson township, which he improved and developed until 1902. He then retired from the active cultivation of the fields and removed to Earlham, building a fine residence, in which he has lived ever since. At the time of his removal here he traded his farm for two

hundred and eighty acres near town, which he sold at one hundred and four dollars per acre. In less than a year thereafter the place was sold again at an increase of seven thousand, and four hundred dollars. After removing to Earlham he became financially interested in a flour mill here and for about a year was actively connected with its operation. At the end of that time, however, he retired from all business cares and is now enjoying a life of leisure made possible by former labor and by excellent management of his interests.

Mr. Renshaw was married in March, 1868, to Miss Sarah Hazen, a daughter of S. L. and Maria Hazen, natives of Vermont and pioneers of Clayton county, Iowa. Her father was a physician and practiced successfully for many years. He passed away in Missouri and his wife died in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw had six children: Clarence L., who died March 20, 1880; Alfred S., a resident of Los Angeles, California; Mabel L., the wife of Harry Gilmore, a druggist of Vinton, Iowa; Edith E., who gave her hand in marriage to John Bunnell, a farmer of this county; Sarah R., who died on the 16th of January, 1892; and James C., a farmer of Dallas county, this state. Mrs. Renshaw died on the 23d of February, 1883, and on the 9th of January, 1884, our subject married Miss Serena Bridges, a daughter of Lawson Bridges, who was a native of Indiana and a pioneer of this county. He was a well known and successful farmer and his demise in 1907 was much regretted. His widow survived for five years and passed away on the 23d of September, 1912. Mrs. Serena Renshaw died in 1906 and on the 2d of June, 1910, Mr. Renshaw was again married, Miss Jean McDaniel becoming his wife. Her parents, Alexander and Isabelle (McFee) McDaniel, were natives of Kentucky and Scotland respectively. Her father farmed in the Blue Grass state until 1870, when he removed to Indiana and followed agricultural pursuits there until his removal to Fort Wayne, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1900. He had survived his wife for many years, as she passed away in 1869. Mrs. Renshaw was born in Boone county, Kentucky, on the 5th of June, 1854.

Mr. Renshaw is a republican and has served acceptably as township clerk of Jefferson township but has never been an office seeker in the usually accepted sense of the term. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church, and he takes a great interest in its work, giving both of his time and of his means to the spread of its influence. As a farmer he was industrious and progressive and ranked among the leading agriculturists of his township and since removing to Earlham he has proved a valuable addition to its citizens.

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#### JOHN W. KRELL.

On the roster of county officials of Madison county appears the name of John W. Krell, who is capably and acceptably serving in the position of county treasurer, making his home in Winterset. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, October 18, 1868, a son of John Henry and Mary S. (Wissler) Krell. The father was born near Frankfort, Germany, and came to the United States with his parents in 1849, when a lad of but nine years. He was reared and married in Ohio and there learned the mason's trade, which he followed throughout the

period of his early manhood. Following his marriage he settled on a farm, carrying on general agricultural pursuits in Ohio until 1875, when he came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land, becoming the owner of a tract in Webster township. There he again engaged in farming and also worked at his trade at intervals. His life was a busy, active and useful one and he continued to conduct his farm until 1901, when he retired from business and removed to Winterset, where his death occurred on the 3d of June, 1914.

At the time of the Civil war John H. Krell put aside all business and personal considerations and enlisted October 12, 1861, in defense of his country as a member of Company A, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was on active duty for more than three years and then reenlisted in the same company. At the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded in the back of his head by a gunshot, having a very close call. He was sent to a hospital but as soon as possible rejoined his command. His regiment was always attached to the Army of the Potomac and with that command he participated in many hotly contested engagements, remaining loyally at the front until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He afterward became a member of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset, and had many warm friends among his old army comrades. Fraternally he was connected with Grand River Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., of Macksburg, which he joined upon its organization, having previously been made an Odd Fellow at Kingston, Ohio. When a resident of the Buckeye state he held membership in the Methodist church but after coming to Iowa joined the United Evangelical Association. Later he returned to the Methodist church and passed away in that faith when seventy-four years of age. His wife was a native of Pickaway county, Ohio, and her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, of German extraction. Her father was a minister of the Evangelical church until he lost his eyesight when in middle age. He and his wife afterward made their home with Mr. Krell in Ohio and in the fall of 1875 came to Iowa with him and secured eighty acres of land adjoining the Krell farm. The maternal grandmother of our subject passed away at the advanced age of eighty-six years, while Mr. Wissler died at the very venerable age of ninety-four years. Their daughter, who was the mother of our subject, died in Webster township, February 14, 1900, when but fifty-eight years of age. She was always a consistent member of the Evangelical church and lived an earnest Christian life. In the family of John H. and Mary S. (Wissler) Krell were seven children: Dayton W., a mail carrier of Winterset; John W.; Samuel W., who is conducting a barber shop in Winterset; Frank, who died at the age of thirty-two years; Lewis Henry, now residing in Des Moines; Tena, the wife of Claud W. Wight, of Winterset; and Chauncey W., a telegraph operator at Ackley, Iowa, in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

John W. Krell was a little lad of seven years when brought to Madison county by his parents. His boyhood days were spent upon the home farm and he attended the public schools, pursuing his education through the winter months, while the summer seasons were largely devoted to the work of the fields. He began teaching when twenty-two years of age and followed that profession for twenty-two terms in Webster township. He attended the Madison County Teachers' Normal and when not engaged in teaching he worked upon the home farm. In 1899 he suffered from a broken leg and that year he again engaged in teaching, after which he was appointed superintendent of the county poor farm, in which

position he continued for seven years. At the end of that time he resigned and took a trip to the west. In the fall of that year he worked for the Madisonian but was later appointed deputy treasurer under C. H. Hochstetler, in which position he continued for four years. In 1912 he was elected to the office of county treasurer and filled the position so capably and acceptably to his constituents that in the fall of 1914 he was reelected and is the incumbent in that position. He is a standpat republican, giving unswerving support to the party and its principles.

On the 7th of March, 1894, Mr. Krell was united in marriage to Miss Cora B. Hart, who was born in Madison county, a daughter of A. M. and Caroline (Welty) Hart, who came to this county in pioneer times. The father worked at the carpenter's trade and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in the Union army with the Fourth Iowa Cavalry. Mrs. Krell was reared and educated in this county and took up the work of teaching, which she followed in Madison and Adair counties. By this marriage there has been born a daughter, Zella V., who is now attending high school.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Krell is a Mason and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of the craft. He also belongs to Grand River Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., of Macksburg. Both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekah degree and with the Order of the Eastern Star at Winterset. Mr. Krell is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are actively interested. As a public official he has made an excellent record and his fellow townsmen have every confidence in him, knowing him to be thoroughly reliable as well as efficient.

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#### JESSIE V. (STAUFFER) SMITH, M. D.

Dr. Jessie V. (Stauffer) Smith, a physician of Winterset, successfully practicing, the value of her work being attested by many, was born on the 20th of May, 1866, in Union township, Madison county. Her father, Joseph Stauffer, was a native of Indiana and was there reared and educated. He continued his residence in that state until 1857, when he took up his abode in Iowa. He had visited Madison county in 1855 and purchased land at that time but did not remove his family to the county until two years later, when he journeyed westward by stage and established his home in Union township, where he secured a tract of land and engaged in farming until 1912. He then rented his farm and removed to Patterson, where he is now living retired, and although eighty-eight years of age he is still hale and hearty. In politics he is a democrat and is ever loyal to the principles of that organization. Fraternally he is a Mason, having joined the order in early manhood, and he is today one of the oldest and most loyal representatives of the craft in Madison county. His religious belief is that of the Universalist church and his life has ever been an upright and honorable one, winning for him the warm regard and friendship of those with whom he has come in contact. In early manhood he wedded Catherine Guthrie, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States when fifteen years of age. She is now more than seventy-seven years of age and a member of the Methodist church.





DR. JESSIE V. (STAUFFER) SMITH



In their family were ten children, of whom one died in infancy, while nine grew to years of maturity.

Dr. Smith, who is the fifth in order of birth, attended the district schools until thirteen years of age and then entered the public schools of Winterset, passing through consecutive grades to the high school. When sixteen years of age she began teaching, entering upon that work before she could obtain a certificate, which was not granted until the applicant was eighteen years of age. In 1888 she was graduated from the Madison County Teachers' Normal at Winterset and she taught in the district schools of this county for twenty-one terms. During a portion of that time she devoted her leisure hours to the study of medicine and in 1889 she entered the Keokuk Medical College, from which she was graduated with the class of 1892. She then practiced for one year in Des Moines, after which she returned to Winterset, where she has since followed her profession.

On the 10th of October, 1889, Miss Jessie V. Stauffer became the wife of Mathias J. Smith, their wedding being celebrated while she was attending medical college. Mr. Smith is a native of Denmark and came to the United States when eighteen years of age. They now have one daughter, Katheryn, the wife of J. B. Danforth, who is engaged in the grocery business at Winterset. To Mr. and Mrs. Danforth has been born a son, Challen Mathias.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith hold membership in the Catholic church. Dr. Smith belongs to the Madison County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. She was one of the organizers of the Iowa State Woman's Medical Society in 1897, the first organization of the kind in the country. She has ever been deeply interested in her profession and through wide reading and research as well as through membership in different medical organizations keeps in touch with the advanced thought and scientific methods of eminent physicians and surgeons throughout the country. Her work has been highly satisfactory to her many patients and she is widely known in this connection. Socially, too, she has many attractive qualities which have gained for her warm friends.

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### J. H. COCHRAN.

Among the retired farmers of Winterset is J. H. Cochran, who is a native of this county, born in Grand River township on the 2d of November, 1867, a son of Wesley and Elizabeth (Hamlin) Cochran, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Cochran of this review was reared upon the homestead in Grand River township and entered the public schools there at the usual age. He also attended school at Macksburg and took a commercial course at Drake University, thus fitting himself to manage his business affairs efficiently. His father, who was an extensive landowner, gave him a farm and he began his independent career as an agriculturist. He now owns two hundred acres of land in Monroe township and eighty acres in Grand River township, while his wife also holds title to eighty acres in Monroe township. While actively engaged in farming he received a good annual income from his labors, as he planned his

work well, planted his crops in good season and saw that everything about the place was kept in good condition. Four years ago he retired from the cares of active life and is now living at his leisure in Winterset.

Mr. Cochran married Miss Estelle Polk, a native of Indiana, born in 1871. A sketch of her father, Charles Polk, is found elsewhere in this work. Mr. Cochran is a republican and has served acceptably as clerk of Monroe township. His wife is a member of the Congregational church and he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Winterset. He is a representative of a family that has for many years been influential in the advancement of the agricultural interests of the county and he has added to the respect in which the name of Cochran is held. His home, on West Washington street, is known for its generous-hearted hospitality and both he and his wife have many loyal personal friends.

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#### STEPHEN A. HAYS.

Prominently connected with a profession which has an important bearing upon the welfare and prosperity of every community is Stephen A. Hays, now widely recognized as one of the able attorneys practicing at the Winterset bar. He was born in Macon county, Illinois, January 13, 1865, a son of William L. and Fannie (Good) Hays. The father was probably a native of Piatt county, Illinois, and was a son of John Hays, who was born in Pennsylvania and in early life went to Illinois. In 1840 he became a resident of Macon county, that state, and there followed the occupation of farming. He died in Arkansas in 1874.

William L. Hays was reared in Macon county, there remaining until 1865, when he removed to Madison county, Iowa, settling in Douglas township, where he purchased four hundred and forty acres of land. He was thereafter extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred July 10, 1874, when he was but thirty-six years of age. He was very successful in his business affairs and was regarded as one of the leading and representative agriculturists of his day. His prosperity resulted entirely through his own labors. In his political views he was a democrat but without desire for office. His wife was also a native of Macon county and was there reared. Her parents were John and Mary (Garver) Good the former a native of New York and the latter of Maryland. Mr. Good followed the occupation of farming and both he and his wife passed away in Macon county, Illinois, the latter when in middle life and the former at the advanced age of ninety-three years. In 1865 Mrs. Hays accompanied her husband to Iowa, the family traveling in a wagon from Keokuk. She, too, passed away at a comparatively early age, dying in 1876, when but thirty-one. She left four children: Stephen A.; Benjamin F., now in Idaho; Cynthia Anna, the wife of Ward McDaniel, a horse dealer of Winterset; and Emma L., the wife of D. J. Inman, a resident of Danville, Illinois.

Stephen A. Hays was but an infant when brought by his parents to Iowa. He was a lad of nine years when his father died and at the age of eleven was left an orphan by his mother's death. George Duff, a farmer of Madison township, became his guardian and Mr. Hays made his home with him until he

reached the age of eighteen years. He attended the public schools to the age of seventeen years and afterward was a pupil in a business college in Burlington. Subsequently he taught in the country schools through the winter months and worked on a farm in the summer seasons. He was graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1890 and afterward read law with W. O. Lucas, of Winterset. In 1891 he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Lucas, with whom he was associated in practice for about two years. In 1892 he removed to Chamberlain, South Dakota, where he practiced for a year, and then returned to Winterset, entering into partnership with S. G. Ruby. That association was maintained until 1900, when Mr. Hays removed to his farm, which is a part of the old family homestead. He remained thereon for nine years, devoting his entire attention to general farming and stockraising. In the spring of 1909, however, he rented his place and returned to Winterset, where for two or three years he lived practically retired, only supervising his invested interests. In 1912 he again opened his law office, however, and is now actively engaged in practice. He has long been regarded as one of the foremost members of the Winterset bar and is enjoying a liberal patronage.

On the 8th of June, 1892, Mr. Hays was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Tidrick, a native of this county and a daughter of Miller R. and Mary A. (Fisher) Tidrick, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Hays was twice married, her first husband being Ferd Mendenhall, by whom she had one daughter, Louise, now the wife of F. T. Cole, of Ellendale, North Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Hays have been born three children: Guy M., who is now managing his father's farm; and Harry G. and Gladys, both at home.

In politics Mr. Hays is a stalwart democrat and has filled several local offices. He has served as a member of the city council and on the school board and has been a candidate for county offices even when he knew there was no chance of election, as the republican majority in this county ranges from ten to twelve hundred. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. They own two hundred acres of the old homestead farm in Madison county. Fifty years have come and gone since he was brought to this county and practically his entire life has been spent here, so that he has a wide acquaintance. That his career has ever been an honorable and upright one is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him longest.

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#### SYLVANUS M. COMPTON.

Sylvanus M. Compton has resided in this county for six decades and was long and actively identified with agricultural interests here but is now living retired in Earlham, where he has made his home for the past fourteen years. His birth occurred in Greene county, Ohio, on the 20th of June, 1849, his parents being Martin and Ann E. (Wroe) Compton, the former a native of Greene county, Ohio, and the latter of Virginia. Martin Compton removed to Indiana in 1852 and in 1854 came to Iowa, first spending a year in Warren county. In

1855, however, he came to Madison county, purchasing a farm of one hundred and eighty acres six miles north of Winterset in what was then Madison township but is now Douglas township. He improved the property and operated it for four years, on the expiration of which period he disposed of the place and took up his abode near Earlham, in Madison township, there continuing to reside throughout the remainder of his active business career. The last twenty years of his life were spent in honorable retirement at Earlham, where he passed away on the 18th of October, 1905. The period of his residence in this county covered a half century and in his passing the community lost one of its representative agriculturists and esteemed citizens. During the period of the Civil war he served for one year as a member of Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. His wife was called to her final rest on the 7th of February, 1914.

Sylvanus M. Compton, who was a little lad of six years when he came to this county with his parents, was here educated and remained on the home farm until nineteen years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and after cultivating rented land for a few years purchased a tract of eighty acres in 1874, the farm lying within a mile of Earlham. He operated it for eight years and on the expiration of that period disposed of the property, purchasing and taking up his abode on a quarter section of land near the old home place in Madison township. Mr. Compton made many substantial improvements on the farm and operated it continuously and successfully until 1901, when he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased a pleasant and commodious residence in Earlham, where he has since lived retired.

In September, 1869, Mr. Compton was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McKibben, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Layman) McKibben, who were natives of Ohio and Tennessee respectively. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Dallas county, Iowa, in 1855, and there Mr. McKibben was actively engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Compton have seven children, as follows: Frank, an agriculturist of this county; Edmund, who is a resident of Earlham; Nathan, living in Oregon; Anna, who gave her hand in marriage to C. L. Barnett, a farmer of this county; Minnie, who is the wife of Z. W. Fuller, of Hillsdale, Michigan; Silas, who operates his father's farm; and Mary, the wife of Grant Shifflett, who is an agriculturist of Ringgold county, Iowa. In politics Mr. Compton is a staunch republican, while his religious faith is that of the Friends church.

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#### JOHN E. BENGE.

John E. Benge is a hardware merchant of Winterset who has been identified with the city from pioneer times. His business career indicates what may be accomplished when determination points out the way and energy insists upon the pursuit of a persistent purpose. He was born in Madison county, Indiana, September 3, 1851, his parents being Alfred and Margaret (Banks) Benge. The family comes of German ancestry in the paternal line. Both Thomas Benge and his wife, the grandparents of our subject, were born in North Carolina, as was Alfred Benge. They removed to Indiana during pioneer times, when Alfred

Benge was but a young lad, and there Thomas Benge carried on general agricultural pursuits.

Alfred Benge was reared in the Hoosier state and in early manhood learned the shoemaker's trade. In 1855 he left Indiana, bringing his family to Iowa. They traveled by boat to Burlington and there hired a man to haul them to Madison county. Alfred Benge also engaged a man to haul his furniture from Indiana and the expenses of the trip to the west exhausted all of his capital. He settled near Buffalo Mills, on a small place belonging to his father-in-law, and began working at his trade in connection with a partner, who furnished the capital to buy stock, while Mr. Benge did the work. That connection was continued until the latter had sufficient money to buy stock for himself. He afterward followed his trade and operated a small farm until October 15, 1861, when, feeling that his duty to his country was paramount to all else, he enlisted as a member of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until the 24th of January, 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on account of physical disability. While at the front he was with the Western army. As soon as able he resumed work at his trade, which he continued to follow until his death in 1870, when he was fifty years of age.

The republican party received the political indorsement of Alfred Benge, while his religious faith was indicated in his membership in the Christian church. His wife was born in Indiana, while her parents, John and Eunice (James) Banks, were natives of North Carolina. They went to Indiana in the early days of the history of that state and in 1855 made their way to Iowa, traveling across the country with horse teams and a wagon. They settled in what is now Scott township, Madison county, where their remaining days were passed, Mr. Banks dying at the age of ninety-three years and his wife when about eighty-three years of age. Their daughter Margaret was reared and married in her native state and in 1855 came to Iowa with her husband and family, her death here occurring. She became the mother of the following children besides our subject: Anderson M., who is now a retired hardware merchant of Winterset; Lydia A., the wife of William R. Danforth, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; Mary M., who died at the age of twenty years; Melissa, the wife of John T. Lyon, of Winterset; Margaret A., who passed away at the age of twenty-two; Elmira, living in Winterset; Minnie, who married Chris C. Yoder and died at the age of forty years; Armintie, who died at the age of seven years; and Perry Annon, who died in infancy.

The youthful days of John E. Benge were spent upon the home farm, his time being divided between the work of the fields and the acquirement of an education in the district schools. When twenty years of age he began working in a tin shop, in which he was employed for about ten years. He then embarked in the hardware business in partnership with his brother, A. M. Benge, which relationship was continued until 1904, when John E. Benge purchased his brother's interest and has since conducted the store alone. This is one of the old established commercial concerns of Winterset and has long enjoyed a liberal patronage. The business methods have ever been such as would bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and at all times Mr. Benge has kept in touch with the advancement of the trade, carrying an attractive and well selected line of shelf and heavy hardware which he has sold at reasonable prices.

On the 23d of May, 1877, Mr. Bengé was united in marriage to Miss Mahala Needs, a native of Wales and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Arden) Needs, who came to Madison county in 1873, spending their remaining days here. Mrs. Bengé was reared and educated in this county and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Nina, now the wife of A. A. Paisley, of Spokane, Washington; Albert, who works for his father in the store; and Faith, the wife of Ray King, of Winterset.

Mr. Bengé is a democrat and for two years has served as a member of the city council. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows lodge at Winterset. Almost his entire life has been passed in Madison county, as he was but four years of age at the time of his parents' removal to this state. For about six decades he has witnessed the changes which have here occurred and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. His life has been that of an active business man and his well directed efforts have not only been a source of individual success but have contributed to the general prosperity of the community.

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#### EDMUND W. HARRELL.

Among the farmers of Madison county who achieved success in their chosen occupation is numbered Edmund W. Harrell, who was born in Jackson county, Indiana, June 13, 1828, a son of William and Mary (Peck) Harrell, both of whom passed away in Scott township, this county. In 1852 their son came to Madison county, arriving here on the 27th of October and settling in Scott township. The first winter of his residence here he worked in the old Buffalo mills. He then operated land on section 22 for a man named Dryden and later bought a quarter section of government land on section 30, Scott township. As he lacked the necessary equipment for cultivating his land he traded eighty acres to his brother for a team and machinery, but when prosperity had come to him he repurchased the land. He added another forty acres, thus bringing his holdings to two hundred acres, and from year to year made improvements upon his place and kept his fields in a high state of cultivation. He found general farming and stock-raising profitable and congenial and never had cause to regret his decision to make agriculture his life work.

On the 18th of March, 1860, Mr. Harrell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Margaret Johnson, whose birth occurred in Fountain county, Indiana, on the 31st of December, 1839. Her parents were William and Mary Johnson, the former of whom died in Colorado and the latter in Scott township, this county. For twenty years before her death, which occurred on the 17th of March, 1904, Mrs. Harrell was an invalid, but her sufferings had no power to rob her of her serenity and cheerfulness of spirit. Following her demise Mr. Harrell made his home with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, in Scott township and his death occurred in Winterset, where she was living at the time, on the 26th of October, 1914, in the eighty-seventh year of his age. To him and his wife were born four children: A. M., who was married and lived in Lincoln township but





MR. AND MRS. EDMUND W. HARRELL.



passed away in 1900; Eva, who died in childhood; Edgar, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Elvira, the wife of J. W. Holmes.

Mr. Harrell was a democrat and held a number of local positions of trust but had no political aspirations in the wider sense. His wife was a consistent member of the Christian Union church and although he was not identified with any religious denomination, his life was guided by principles of justice and charity. He lived in this county for sixty-two years and at the time of his death was one of its oldest residents. His account of the development that he had witnessed here was most interesting and instructive, bringing to mind the courage and determination of the early settlers and inspiring a sense of gratitude to them.

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### WILLIAM J. EISELE.

William J. Eisele, a farmer, stockman and landowner of Madison township, is a native of the neighboring state of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Bureau county on the 10th of May, 1866. His parents, Andrew and Philipina (Wentzel) Eisele, were both born in Germany and upon emigrating to America settled in Philadelphia. The father was for two years employed as a farm hand in that locality but at the end of that time removed with his family to Bureau county, Illinois, and purchased a tract of forty acres, which he improved. Upon selling that he bought eighty acres and until 1868 his time and energy were taken up by cultivating that farm. On disposing of his interests in Bureau county he removed to Iowa and located in Poweshiek county, where he purchased two hundred and ten acres of land. He followed farming on that tract until his demise, which occurred on the 30th of July, 1896. His widow passed away on the 23d of March, 1906. Mr. Eisele was drafted for service in the Union army but secured a substitute and had gone to town to get the money with which to pay him when the war came to a close.

William J. Eisele accompanied his parents on their removal to Poweshiek county, this state, and his boyhood days were occupied by attending the public schools and by assisting his father with the farm work. He remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-two years and then, desiring to begin his independent business career, he rented a farm, which he operated until 1890. In that year, in partnership with his brother, he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land in Poweshiek county. The brother assumed charge of that place and our subject returned home and operated the homestead for nine years, or until 1899. He then rented land until 1912, when he traded his interest in the farm in Poweshiek county for his present place, which comprises three hundred and twenty acres on section 8, Madison township. He has since carried on general farming and stock-raising successfully and in addition to that farm owns in partnership with Thomas Cochran two hundred and ninety-two and a fourth acres on section 19, Madison township. The oldest son of our subject is operating that farm. In connection with Mr. Cochran Mr. Eisele buys and sells cattle and hogs the year round at Earlham, shipping every week. Mr. Eisele himself feeds about two hundred and fifty head of cattle per year and two hundred head of hogs annually. He has found his stock-raising interests particularly

lucrative but also derives a good income from general farming. He is connected with the financial interests of the county as a stockholder in the Bank of Earlham.

Mr. Eisele married Miss Minnie Jantzen, who was born on the 25th of September, 1888, a daughter of John and Mary (Baustien) Jantzen, natives of Germany, who in 1865 left the fatherland and came to this country, locating at Watertown, Wisconsin. Mr. Jantzen was a teamster there for twenty-two years, hauling logs chiefly. At the end of that time he went to Poweshiek county, Iowa, purchased land and during the remainder of his life followed agricultural pursuits. He passed away on the 9th of May, 1911, having survived his wife since the 23d of May of the year previous. Mr. and Mrs. Eisele have three children: Walter J., twenty-five years of age, who is farming the land belonging to his father and Mr. Cochran; Fred H., twenty-three years old, at home; and Edna M., nineteen years of age.

Mr. Eisele is a democrat and is unwavering in his allegiance to that party and its principles. Much concerning the ideals that shape his conduct may be gathered from the fact that he has membership in the Presbyterian church and in the Masonic order, and he is recognized as a man of unswerving integrity and of high standards of conduct.

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#### JOHN W. HOLMES.

John W. Holmes is now living practically retired in Winterset after many years of active and successful connection with agricultural interests. He is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Scott township on the 1st of February, 1861, his parents being John S. and Elizabeth (Beem) Holmes. The father was born in Jackson county, Indiana, and was reared to farm life. He wedded Elizabeth Beem, also a native of the same county and in the year 1855 they made their way westward to Iowa, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Madison county. Mr. Holmes purchased land in Scott township which he developed and improved, remaining upon the farm until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-three years of age. In his political views he was an earnest republican and filled various township offices and was also county supervisor for a short time, when he resigned. He met with a fair measure of success in his business interests and left considerable land, the home farm comprising three hundred and ten acres, in addition to which he owned another farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He had also given one hundred and twenty acres to his children. He engaged in raising cattle and other stock and his business affairs were wisely directed. He deserved much credit for what he accomplished, for he was a self-made man, winning his prosperity entirely through his own well directed efforts. He was thoroughly reliable in all of his dealings and his entire life was in consistent harmony with his professions as a member of the Baptist church. His wife was one of the well known pioneer women of the county and shared with her husband in the trials and hardships of the early days. She, too, was a loyal member of the Baptist church. Surviving her husband, she died at the age of seventy years after rearing a family of ten children to man and womanhood, while one child of their marriage passed away in early life.

John W. Holmes spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm and early became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He was educated in the public schools, which he attended to the age of eighteen years. His father being in poor health, John W. Holmes and his younger brother then took charge of the farm which they operated for a long period. Later they purchased the property and John W. Holmes still owns seventy acres of that tract. He was born, lived and was married in the same house, one of the pioneer log houses of the county. In 1910 he sold a part of his farm and in the spring of 1913 he rented the remainder of the farm and came to Winterset, where he is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. His life up to that time had been a very active and busy one, for he was continuously engaged in farm work, beginning the cultivation of his fields in the early spring and continuing the work of crop development until the harvests were gathered in the late autumn. The winter, too, was not without its duties and his farm work was continued uninterruptedly until he retired.

On the 24th of September, 1885, Mr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Elvira Harrell, a native of this county and a sister of Edgar Harrell, in whose record on another page of this work a sketch of the family is given. To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes has been born a daughter, Mabel, now the wife of Ora E. Haines. They occupy her father's farm. Mr. Holmes is a republican in his political views and has held various township offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He holds membership in the Christian church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist church. They are well known and have a large circle of warm friends in Winterset and throughout the county, where they have both lived from pioneer times.

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#### MARCUS J. BOYCE.

Among the progressive and well-to-do farmers of Douglas township is Marcus J. Boyce, a native of this state, born in Des Moines county on the 25th of February, 1857. His parents, Samuel M. and Marianna (Mitchell) Boyce, were both born in Preble county, Ohio, the father on the 15th of June, 1816, and the mother in 1820. Samuel M. Boyce was reared upon a farm and educated in the public schools. In early manhood he taught in the district schools near his home and while living in Ohio also worked at the harnessmaker's trade in Fairhaven. He was married there and in the early '50s his wife accompanied her family to Des Moines county, Iowa. Some time later Mr. Boyce followed with their household goods, and, joining his wife in Des Moines county, they located on a farm. Conditions were those of a pioneer locality and there were many discouragements, but after a few years prosperity began to reward them for their determination and industry. For many years Mr. Boyce was elder in the United Presbyterian church and he was also active in educational work. His demise occurred on the 1st of December, 1872, and his wife died in 1861. To them were born two children, the brother of our subject being Rufus, who is residing in New Mexico.

Marcus J. Boyce attended the district schools of his native county until about sixteen years of age, when he went to live with an uncle in Polk county, this state,

and supplemented his early education by attending the A. C. Jennings Business College at Des Moines. After that he worked upon the farm belonging to his uncle, D. R. Mitchell, and was also a farm hand in the employ of neighbors until 1881. In that year he removed to Madison county and purchased land but did not take up his residence upon his farm until 1883. He has since concentrated his energies upon the cultivation of his land, which is situated on section 22, Douglas township, and he now owns three hundred and forty acres in this county, most of which is in a high state of cultivation and from which he derives a handsome annual income. His home place is known as Cedar Layn and the residence is attractive and comfortable, while the grounds are pleasing. He engages in general farming.

In 1890 Mr. Boyce was united in marriage to Miss Grace Smith, who was born near Osceola, Iowa, and is a daughter of William H. and Mary (Miner) Smith, both of whom are natives of Greene county, Indiana, the former's birth occurring in 1845 and the latter's in 1852. Both are now living at Winterset. In the early '50s Mr. Smith accompanied his father, Zebulon Smith, from Greene county, Indiana, to Clark county, Iowa. The latter was a cabinet-maker and taught his son that trade, which he followed in Clark county in connection with farming. In 1871 William H. Smith removed with his family to Winterset and now engages in painting and paper-hanging, which trade he learned a number of years ago. To him and his wife were born two children, of whom Mrs. Boyce is the older. Both entered the primary grade in the Winterset public schools and passed through consecutive grades until graduated from the high school.

To Mr. and Mrs. Boyce have been born eight children: Ernest, born July 11, 1892, is taking the civil engineering course at the Iowa State College at Ames and he started the Douglas Center township band; Joseph, born February 8, 1894, attended the Winterset high school and now assists his father with the farm work; Martha, born July 11, 1896, will graduate from the Winterset high school with the class of 1915; Ruth, born on the 9th of October, 1898, is a sophomore in the high school; Alma was born February 8, 1901; Hugh was born May 28, 1903; Daniel was born December 18, 1905; and Bertha was born March 20, 1908. It is interesting to note that the first and third of the children have the same birthday and also the second and fifth.

Mr. Boyce is a prohibitionist. The record of his life is open to all, as he has at all times sincerely endeavored to follow the highest moral teachings, and his many friends hold him in warm regard.

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#### THOMAS EARLY.

For more than sixty years Thomas Early, president of the Bank of Earlham and a successful farmer and stockman, has resided in this county and during the greater part of that time he has contributed materially to the development of the county. He was born on the 11th of November, 1844, in Trumbull county, Ohio, a son of John and Elizabeth (McMurn) Early. The father was born upon the ocean when his parents were coming to the United States from Scotland and the mother was born in Trumbull county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents



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of our subject settled near Pottsville, Ohio, upon a farm. Upon reaching maturity their son, John Early, followed agricultural pursuits in the Buckeye state, becoming a landowner. He raised a good grade of shorthorn cattle and was successful as a farmer and stockman. Believing that still better opportunities awaited him in the west, he came to this county in 1855 by way of Eddyville. Winterset was then a small village and it was necessary to travel by stage in order to reach it. Much of the land in the county was still in the possession of the government and the vast unbroken prairies gave little promise of becoming the thickly settled agricultural region of today. Mr. Early bought raw prairie land in Jackson township and continued to reside upon his farm until his death. During the big snows of the winter of 1856-7 the family endured many privations, as it was almost impossible to get supplies from the outside world, but they were not discouraged and as the years passed on and the country became settled and land increased in value they reaped the reward of their courage and determination. Mr. Early was a republican and was one of the prominent men in political circles in his locality. He had great energy and much power of initiative and was among those who built the first schoolhouse in the township. Before the erection of churches religious services were held in his home and he was a leader in the Presbyterian church of his locality. He passed away when sixty-five years of age and his wife died when sixty-three years old. They were the parents of five children: William, deceased, who was formerly a farmer of this county; James, also deceased, who was county treasurer of Madison county at one time; Thomas, of this review; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of John Mears, of Madison county; and Minerva, the widow of Noah Sulgrove, of Greenfield, Iowa.

Thomas Early pursued his education in the first schoolhouse built in Jackson township. He sat on a slab bench and considered himself fortunate to have a desk, even though it was made of slabs. He did his part in the work of developing a farm from the virgin prairie and in assisting his father learned practical methods of agriculture. On the 4th of May, 1864, when not quite twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was made fourth corporal. Upon the close of hostilities he returned to Jackson township and for a short time resided under the parental roof. He then bought land, paying nine and ten dollars per acre, and began farming and raising stock upon his own account. He early displayed marked financial ability and as he was an energetic and efficient agriculturist his capital increased rapidly. He invested heavily in land, becoming the owner of twenty-two hundred acres. He found the stock business especially profitable and bought and fed many head annually, one year shipping seven hundred and sixty carloads of stock. In 1908 he suffered a paralytic stroke and has since sold most of his land, wishing to be relieved of the responsibility of managing it. He still has, however, five hundred acres which is mainly in pasture and devoted to the raising of cattle. He is prominent in financial circles, being president and a director of the Bank of Earlham, which enjoys the full confidence of its community. He retains his home in Madison county, but spends the week ends with his daughter in Des Moines.

In 1868 Mr. Early married Miss Harriett Matthews, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of Calvin and Louisa Matthews. The father was a land owner and farmer in the Hoosier state and was quite active in public affairs in his locality. His daughter Harriett came to Iowa with relatives and taught school in this county

previous to her marriage. She was a woman of true Christian character and was beloved by all who were privileged to know her. She passed away in 1900, leaving two children: Lettie E., the wife of Dr. J. H. Sloan, of Santa Fe, New Mexico; and Orson L., who was formerly in the implement business in Earham but is now living in Oklahoma City. He is married but has no children.

Mr. Early was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Church of Christ, which is known as Early chapel. He supports the republican party but has never desired public office nor taken an active part in political affairs, although never remiss in his duties of citizenship. He has been identified with many forces that have contributed to the welfare of his locality and his keen insight and sound judgment have contributed largely to the success of those movements with which he has been associated. His business success is due entirely to his own efforts and he is a splendid example of a self-made man.

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#### MAHLON BROWN.

Mahlon Brown is a representative agriculturist and respected citizen of Madison county, owning a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 30, Scott township. His birth occurred in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 8th of August, 1847, his parents being Austin G. and Pleasant (West) Brown, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio, in which state their marriage was celebrated. Mrs. Brown inherited a farm from her father and on this they lived until called to their final rest, the mother passing away during the early boyhood of our subject. The property was subsequently sold and divided among the children, a record of whom follows: John joined the Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry at the time of the Civil war and at the end of three years' service reenlisted. He was wounded in the leg and honorably discharged, but on leaving the hospital to come home he was seized with pneumonia and died. His remains were interred at Cleveland, Ohio. Enos, who also served in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, came to Madison county in 1867 and here passed away. Margaret Ann, who was her father's housekeeper after her mother's death and who reared her brother Mahlon, is now the widow of Jehu Moore and makes her home in Winterset. Martha, twin sister of Enos, gave her hand in marriage to Enoch Felby and in an early day removed to O'Brien county, Iowa, where her demise occurred. Harriet died when a young lady. Annis passed away in childhood. By his second wife Austin G. Brown had three sons and a daughter, namely: William, Alvin, Osborn and Emma, all of whom are deceased.

Mahlon Brown left home when nineteen years of age and began working as a farm hand, giving his father seventy-five dollars in lieu of his services until he attained his majority. He came to Iowa in 1867, traveling by train to Monroe, by stage to Des Moines and on to Winterset and reaching Madison county on the 4th of March with but seventy-five cents in his pocket. That same night he encountered some relatives and friends at a spelling school. He secured employment as a farm hand at a wage of twenty dollars per month and was thus engaged for nine months, losing less than two days of the entire period. Subse-

quently he bought a tract of ninety-one acres in Adams county, Iowa, and there carried on farming for ten years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Madison county, purchasing his present place of one hundred and twenty acres in Scott township. The property was fenced but otherwise entirely unimproved. He has erected substantial and commodious buildings thereon and now has a valuable and productive farm which yields him a gratifying annual income, although the work of the fields devolves upon his son Frank, for his health has become impaired.

In 1869, in Madison county, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Alice Bellis, who was born in Indiana on the 8th of September, 1850, her parents being James and Rachel (Bordman) Bellis, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. Mr. Bellis passed away in Missouri and his widow afterward came to this county, here spending the remainder of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have seven children, as follows: William E., residing in New Mexico, who is married and has three children; Emma, the wife of C. C. Bowsby, of Des Moines, by whom she has three children; Elva, who is the wife of H. C. Frederickson, of Minnesota, and has one child; Carrie May, who gave her hand in marriage to P. J. Brusnahan, of Des Moines, and has one child; Mamie, the wife of Walter Holmes of this county, by whom she has two children; Frank, operating his father's farm, who wedded Miss Ada Armstrong and has one child; and Nellie, wife of Cecil Sanders of Sandborn, Indiana.

In politics Mr. Brown has always been a staunch republican, casting his first presidential ballot for General Grant. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers nearly a half century and he has long been numbered among the esteemed and representative citizens of his community.

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#### WILLIAM F. HIRCOCK.

William F. Hircock can justly call himself a self-made man, a title which is much honored in this country, where success is dependent chiefly upon individual initiative and ability. He was born in Lincoln township, this county, on the 11th of September, 1861, a son of Jacob and Louisa C. (Dodds) Hircock, both of whom were born in Cambridgeshire, England, the father on the 12th of February, 1824, and the mother on the 13th of January, 1828. In 1854 they emigrated to America and first located in Huron county, Ohio, whence five years later they removed to Madison county, Iowa, settling in Lincoln township. The father had purchased land in Jackson township but never lived thereon. In 1861 he and his family returned to Ohio and later located two miles over the state line in Michigan. In 1869 they again came to Madison county, Iowa, and Jacob Hircock and wife lived in various places thereafter, their last days being spent in Lincoln township. Both passed away on the farm where their son Thomas now resides. The father's death occurred on the 18th of December, 1898, and the mother died on the 18th of May, 1906.

The record of their eight children is as follows: Benjamin, born July 24, 1852, died March 5, 1853. Eleanor C., born April 2, 1854, married John W. Fleener and passed away on the 14th of March, 1880. Thomas, who was born in Huron

county, Ohio, July 27, 1856, resides upon the homestead in Lincoln township. Mary Ann, who was born in Huron county, Ohio, November 2, 1858, is the wife of R. E. Cameron, of Lincoln township. William F., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Culy, who was born in Monroe county, Michigan, March 25, 1864, is a resident of Kansas. Charles, also born in Monroe county, Michigan, July 14, 1866, is residing in Jackson township, this county. Emma Louise, born February 5, 1870, is the wife of William Smith and resides in this state.

William F. Hircock spent the greater part of his boyhood and youth in Lincoln township, this county, and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He was early trained to farm work and upon starting out for himself devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. His father gave him a team of horses and a cow, but he received no other assistance from him and for the first five years rented land. He lived frugally and saved as much as possible and at the end of that time purchased thirty acres of slightly improved land on section 3, Lincoln township. He has continued to practice thrift and from time to time has added to his farm until it now comprises two hundred and twenty acres. It is well improved and has two sets of buildings, his son living upon a part of the farm. The industry of Mr. Hircock has never failed and as he possesses good business judgment he has been able to sell his crops and stock to advantage, so that his resources have steadily increased.

On November 10, 1886, Mr. Hircock was married in Lincoln township to Miss Mary Brinson, a daughter of William Brinson, a veteran of the Civil war and a retired farmer living in Winterset, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. They have become the parents of four children: Clara, who died in infancy; Floyd L., who married Dola Patton and resides upon a part of his father's farm; and Lannie and Elsie, both at home.

Mr. Hircock is a republican and is at present a member of the school board and township board. He has given his whole time to his work as a farmer and stock-raiser, having few outside interests, but in improving and developing his farm he has contributed to the growth of the county along agricultural lines, and his sterling integrity has won him the respect of all who have come into contact with him.

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#### ROBERT S. COOPER, D. D. S.

Dr. Robert S. Cooper is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Winterset, his native city, and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for he has so directed his efforts here that he has won a creditable position in professional circles. He was born December 19, 1880, and is a son of Robert H. Cooper, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

Dr. Cooper spent his boyhood days in his father's home and attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school pupil. At the age of seventeen he entered Drake University as a student in the dental department and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1901, his professional degree being then conferred upon him. He practiced in Des Moines for

three years and then came to Winterset, where he has since followed his chosen calling. He had previously been in a dentist's office in his native city during vacation periods. His ability has won him advancement and success and he is now accorded a fair share of the public patronage. He has a well equipped office and keeps in touch with modern scientific methods.

On the 28th of September, 1909, Dr. Cooper was married to Miss Eva Gilpin, a daughter of Major T. C. Gilpin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. Dr. and Mrs. Cooper hold membership in the Presbyterian church. They have a most hospitable home and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Dr. Cooper holds membership in the Iowa State Dental Society. He is independent in his political allegiance and believes in constant progress along political and other lines. He is secretary of the Winterset Commercial Club, which position he has filled for three years, and his energy and efforts have been an important factor in promoting the work of the club and advancing the welfare and upbuilding of Winterset.

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#### WILLIAM R. DANFORTH.

William R. Danforth has been a resident of Madison county for almost two-thirds of a century, is one of its honored pioneers and owns a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres on section 18, Scott township, which is now being operated by his sons. His birth occurred in Laporte, Indiana, on the 14th of February, 1840, his parents being Cyrus and Mary (Jones) Danforth, an account of whose lives appears in the sketch of Challen Danforth, given elsewhere in this work.

William R. Danforth was but nine years of age when he came to Madison county with his mother and in 1855, at the early age of fifteen, in association with his younger brother Challen, he began making ice cream and candy, the first manufactured in Winterset. Subsequently he learned the tinner's trade and for a quarter of a century was successfully engaged in the conduct of a hardware store at Winterset in partnership with his brother. During the past twenty-five years he has owned and operated a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Scott township, carrying on general agricultural pursuits with good results, though at the present time the active work of the fields is being performed by his sons.

In September, 1860, in this county, Mr. Danforth was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Bengé, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, on the 15th of January, 1844, her parents being Alfred and Margaret (Banks) Bengé, the former a shoemaker by occupation. They came to this county in 1855 and here spent the remainder of their lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Danforth have been born nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are as follows: Ed, who wedded Miss Lou Smith and resides in Lincoln township, this county; Jud and Frank, both at home; Charles, residing in Winterset, who married Miss Pearl Heard and has three children—Lillian, Helen and Paul; Stella, living at home, who has been twice married, having two children, Mabel and Freddie, by her first husband and a daughter, Jessie E., by her second husband; and June, the wife of Willis Woodward, of Des Moines, by whom she has one child, Donald.

In politics Mr. Danforth is a staunch democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. He has now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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### JOHN BROWN.

In the demise of John Brown, Madison county lost one of its well known pioneer farmers and stockmen. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, January 28, 1826, the oldest child of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dillon) Brown, both of whom were of German lineage. His grandfathers were Robert Dillon and Luther Brown.

Mr. Brown was reared upon a farm and received the usual training of farm boys, assisting his father with the cultivation of the fields and the care of the stock and attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education. When he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account and in 1854 removed to this county, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land in Madison township. He proved an excellent farmer and stockman and gave considerable attention to the raising of cattle and sheep. He brought his land to such a high state of cultivation and made such good improvements upon the place that when it was sold he received the sum of ten thousand dollars for it. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Lincoln township, adjoining the corporate limits of Winterset, and there resided for a number of years. He was among the leaders in the movement to improve the stock in the county and kept the best breeds of cattle and horses. About 1885 he retired from active life and rented his farm. He took up his abode in Winterset and resided there until his death, which occurred on the 10th of April, 1911, when he was eighty-five years of age. As his life had been lived in harmony with the laws of health he was active and hearty until a short time before his demise.

On the 1st of November, 1857, Mr. Brown married Miss Nancy M. Powell, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, on the 3d of May, 1839, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Conger) Powell. Her father was born in Brown county, Pennsylvania, in 1796, of Welsh descent, and her mother in Essex county, New Jersey, in 1801. Mr. Powell was a farmer and became a pioneer resident of Madison county. In 1852 he removed from Indiana to Oquawka, Illinois, but in the spring of 1854 came to this county and purchased twelve hundred acres of land. He passed away in 1868 and was survived by his wife until 1889, her death occurring when she was eighty-eight years of age. They had twelve children, six of whom died in Indiana. Mrs. Brown is the only one now living. Her father gave her two hundred acres of land in Douglas township. After she and Mr. Brown were married they began housekeeping in a little log cabin fourteen feet square and lived in the simplest manner, as did all of the pioneers. Four years later they had prospered so that Mr. Brown was able to build a good stone house, the first on Coon divide. To their union was born a daughter, Elizabeth Olive, whose birth occurred on the 7th of April, 1859. She





*John Brown*

*Mrs. Nancy H. Brown*





MIL. AND MRS. BENJAMIN POWELL.



married Dr. F. K. Dabney, by whom she had a daughter, Avo. The latter married T. R. Wilkie and they now live in Grinnell, Iowa. Their two children are: John Brown, who is fifteen years of age; and Gladys Olive, who is twelve years old. The daughter of our subject secured a legal separation from Dr. Dabney and subsequently married William W. Hornbeck. She passed away on the 29th of October, 1884, leaving an infant son, Gaylord.

Mr. Brown took a citizen's interest in good government but was never active in politics, finding that the care of his agricultural and stock-raising interests left him no spare time. He at one time owned as many as seven hundred head of sheep and was one of the most successful men of his county. At the time of his death he left his entire estate to his widow, who also has three hundred acres of land in Douglas township which she rents. She is seventy-six years of age but is still very active and manages her own affairs, displaying excellent business ability. She has lived in the county since pioneer times and both she and her husband contributed to the erection of all the early churches in the county and she has never ceased to feel a deep interest in the community welfare. Her life has benefited the county in many ways and she justly merits the high place she holds in the estimation of all who know her. Mr. Brown was a strictly temperate man and an earnest Christian, holding membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs.

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#### JOSEPH J. GASTON.

Joseph J. Gaston has put aside business cares to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. For an extended period he was a dealer in farm implements at Winterset and his prominence as a business man is indicated in the fact that in 1906 he was elected president of the State Implement Dealers' Association. His birth occurred in Athens county, Ohio, December 22, 1842, his father being Rev. James E. Gaston, who was born in Ohio on the 16th of April, 1809. In the Buckeye state he was reared and educated. He was bound out as a boy and had comparatively few advantages, but he possessed a studious nature and became a well read man. He was fortunate in that when a young man he read with Alexander Campbell, the founder of the Christian church in America, and that association largely influenced his life. In 1850 he went to Monmouth, Illinois, where he engaged in preaching the gospel and later he was minister of a church at Princeton, Illinois, until he came to Iowa. He was located for a time at Davenport and in 1864 removed to Des Moines, at which time there was only a small congregation in the Christian church of that city. After several years there spent he removed to Newton and afterward to Atchison, Kansas. Later he was in Charles City, Iowa, and subsequently he returned to Des Moines, where he died at the age of eighty years, after having devoted his life to the work of the ministry, his influence proving a beneficial factor in the moral development of the cities in which he lived.

Joseph J. Gaston spent his boyhood days in his parents' home and attended the public schools until seventeen or eighteen years of age, after which he attended Abingdon College at Abingdon, Illinois, and later was a student in the Eureka

(Ill.) College. In the fall of 1865 he went to Des Moines, but after spending a few months in that city made his way to Council Bluffs, where he secured employment in a brickyard at one dollar and seventy-five cents per day. He afterward engaged in driving a freight wagon from Council Bluffs to Denver and for a time was a clerk in a drug store at Council Bluffs. Later he was in business there but his health failed and, seeking the change which outdoor life afforded him, he worked for one season on the Union Pacific Railroad. He then secured a tract of wild land in Polk county, Iowa, broke the prairie and improved a farm. In 1876 he arrived in Winterset and entered the employ of William Hedge, an implement dealer, with whom he remained for seven years. He then engaged in the same business on his own account as senior partner in the firm of Gaston, Ainsworth & Company until 1894, when he sold his interest in that business and established a farm implement business independently. After a year he admitted W. F. Smith to a partnership and the relation continued with mutual pleasure and profit for eleven years, on the expiration of which period Mr. Gaston sold his interest and has since devoted his entire time to dealing in real estate. He has owned considerable farm property, which he is improving and selling, and in the management of his property interests he has met with gratifying and well deserved success.

On the 8th of April, 1886, Mr. Gaston was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor E. Huntington, a native of Wyoming county, New York, where she was reared and educated. She is a graduate of the Geneseo State Normal school of New York and was engaged in teaching both in the Empire state and in Des Moines, becoming principal of the Franklin school of the latter city. She taught altogether for ten years in Des Moines and for three years was principal of a school. Mr. and Mrs. Gaston have had no children of their own but have reared an adopted daughter, Jessie B. Huntington.

Mr. Gaston exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and never falters in his allegiance to its principles. He has never desired office for himself but has labored earnestly to secure the election of his friends. Since 1866 he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he now holds membership in Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset, while both he and his wife are connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Gaston started out in life empty-handed and the period of his youth and early manhood was one of arduous and unrelenting toil. As the years have gone on, however, he has wrested a comfortable fortune from the hands of fate, being now one of the substantial citizens of Winterset, with important invested interests from which he is deriving a most gratifying annual income.

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#### JOHN C. BUNNELL.

Among the prosperous agriculturists of Penn township is numbered John C. Bunnell, who is a native of Illinois, born in Stark county, October 23, 1872. His parents, Robert E. and Matilda (Jackson) Bunnell, were born in Wyoming county, Pennsylvania. The father removed to Stark county, Illinois, in 1853 and there

purchased land, which he operated until 1890, when he removed to Nebraska. After farming there for eight years he came to Madison county, Iowa, where he rented land for a number of years. He then went to Dallas county, where he purchased land, which he is still operating at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who is also living, is sixty-eight years old.

John C. Bunnell was reared and attended school in Illinois and Nebraska and remained with his parents until 1902. In the meantime he had farmed with his father for a number of years and was well qualified to operate land independently. In that year he was married and rented a farm in Jefferson township, this county. Three years later he purchased eighty acres on section 2, Penn township, and has since carried on general farming there, meeting with well deserved success.

In March, 1902, Mr. Bunnell was united in marriage to Miss Edith Renshaw, a daughter of Sylvester and Sarah (Hazen) Renshaw, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Bunnell is a native of this county and her natal day was September 7, 1875. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children: Howard, a lad of twelve years; and Helen G., aged ten.

Mr. Bunnell supports the candidates and policies of the republican party, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is energetic and capable and his personal characteristics are such as win him many warm friends.

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#### WILLIAM T. LIBBY.

William T. Libby is a retired farmer living in Winterset and, while the opportunity has come to him to now enjoy a period of rest, he has led a most busy and useful life as an agriculturist and by reason of his intelligently directed efforts has gained the competence that is now his. He was born near Ontario, Canada, March 15, 1851, a son of William and Eliza (Mallit) Libby, both of whom were natives of England. Following their marriage they crossed the Atlantic to Canada and in the spring of 1860 became residents of Kane county, Illinois, where for a time the father engaged in the cultivation of rented land. In 1868 he purchased a farm and continued its cultivation until 1881, when he sold that property and retired from business life. He then came to Iowa and both he and his wife made their home on a farm in Greene county until they were called to their final rest. They were Methodists in their religious faith and sterling worth won for them high regard. In business affairs they met with a fair measure of prosperity.

William T. Libby was but nine years of age when the family left Canada and went to Illinois. He continued to work at home until seventeen years of age and then, on the 3d of July, 1868, he married Miss Susan R. Moulding, who was born in England, February 15, 1850, and came to the United States in 1852 with her parents, Thomas and Rachel (Bates) Moulding, who were likewise natives of England. Her father engaged in business as a machinist and merchant in England and after coming to the new world he took up his abode in Chicago, where he engaged first in bookkeeping. He also devoted some time to preaching

the gospel and later he turned his attention to farming, becoming the owner of a farm in Kane county, Illinois. His wife died upon that farm, while Mr. Moulding passed away while on a visit in Wisconsin. Mrs. Libby spent her early life in Kane county, Illinois. Following their marriage Mr. Libby rented a farm in that county and there they lived for about a decade, coming to Iowa in 1878, at which time they took up their abode in Greene county, where Mr. Libby rented land until the spring of 1882. He then bought eighty acres of land and later he purchased eighty acres adjoining, residing upon that place until 1901, when he sold out and purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Scott township, Madison county, seven miles southeast of Winterset. He then developed and further improved the farm until February, 1913, when he rented the place to his sons and came to Winterset, where he is now living retired. He engaged in the breeding of French draft horses and shorthorn cattle and his stock-raising interests added materially to his prosperity. His methods of tilling his fields were practical and progressive. He utilized the latest improved machinery and carefully studied the conditions of soil and climate as related to crop production. Thus year by year his farm brought to him a comfortable income and he is now the possessor of a competence that enables him to put aside further business cares. He still owns his farm, together with an attractive residence in Winterset.

To Mr. and Mrs. Libby have been born eight children: Etta, who is the wife of William Dillinger, of Page county, Iowa; William, at home; Charles W., of this county; Fred James, who follows farming in this county; Myrtle M., the wife of Clarence R. Linn, a resident farmer of Madison county; Albert R. and Frank James, who operate their father's farm; and Elmer Earl, also upon a farm. Mr. Libby is an independent republican, nor has he ever been an office seeker. His religious faith is that of the Society of Friends and throughout his life he has been loyal to its teachings. He has ever been honorable and upright in all of his relations with his fellowmen and he enjoys the unqualified respect of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

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#### MISS JEANNETTE E. BECK.

Miss Jeannette E. Beck is capably and acceptably filling the position of county recorder of Madison county with office in Winterset. She is one of the county's native daughters, having been born in Jackson township. Her parents are James G. and Mary B. (Thompson) Beck, natives of Ireland and of Scotland respectively. They came to the United States as young people, Mr. Beck arriving in 1857, while the lady who later became his wife reached America in 1856. They became residents of Illinois and were married in 1864 in that state, residing there until 1868, when they removed to Iowa, settling on a farm in Jackson township, Madison county, where they resided until the fall of 1909, when they left the farm and took up their abode in Winterset. Throughout the intervening period Mr. Beck continuously carried on general agricultural pursuits, save for the period of his service as a soldier of the Civil war. He enlisted as a private in the Seventh Iowa Infantry and was promoted to the rank of sergeant, serving altogether for four years. Being captured, he was confined for a time in Libby prison, where

he suffered all the hardships of southern prison life. He became one of the charter members of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and thereby retains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. Both he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church and their sterling worth has won for them the high and enduring regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beck were born seven children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Elizabeth, the wife of A. J. Dooley, of Topeka, Kansas; John C., who follows farming in this county; Samuel M., a farmer of Adair county, Iowa; Jeannette E.; and Mary Ethel, the wife of W. O. Miller, of Winfield, Kansas.

Jeannette E. Beck was reared upon her father's farm in Jackson township and pursued her education in the public schools. In 1912 she was elected to the office of county recorder and served so acceptably in that position that in 1914 she was reelected on the republican ticket without opposition, so that she is now serving for the second term. The work of the office is done in a most methodical and systematic manner and promptness as well as capability characterizes the discharge of all of her official duties. She is a well known representative of one of the pioneer families of the county and the name of Beck has ever been an honored one in this part of the state.

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#### WINFIELD S. SHEPHERD.

Winfield S. Shepherd was brought to this county by his parents more than sixty years ago, when he was a little lad of only about five years, and has therefore witnessed the growth and development of the district from pioneer times to the present. He has lived retired in Earlham for the last decade but was long and actively identified with agricultural interests here and is still the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land.

The birth of Mr. Shepherd occurred in Putnam county, Indiana, in November, 1849, his parents being Jesse P. and Martha (Shepherd) Shepherd, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. In the spring of 1853 they made their way to Warren county, Iowa, and in the following spring came to Madison county. The father was a blacksmith by trade, but following his arrival in this county he purchased a tract of land near Winterset, in the Guye neighborhood, and began clearing and improving the property, operating the same for a few years. The winter of 1856 proved terribly severe. The family lived in a log house and it was necessary to stretch a sheet across the rafters above the bed to keep off the snow. On many nights Mr. Shepherd was obliged to arise and shovel a path to the fireplace. Eventually he disposed of the farm and for a time resided in Winterset. In 1859 he removed to Kansas and a short time later returned to Indiana, in which state he followed farming until 1862. In that year he again came to Madison county, Iowa, and here purchased land which he cultivated until about 1888 or 1889, when he moved to Winterset, where he died on the 27th of February, 1893. For one year he had served as a soldier in the Mexican war. Mrs. Shepherd was called to her final rest on the 3d of October, 1891.

Winfield S. Shepherd, who was not yet five years of age when brought to this county by his parents, acquired his education in the country schools of Douglas township. When nineteen years of age he began teaching and successfully followed the profession for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying a tract of forty acres on section 22, Madison township, and subsequently augmenting his holdings by additional purchase until he now owns two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land. He cleared the entire farm and made all of the improvements thereon and for twenty-two years was actively engaged in its operation, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor he bestowed upon them. In January, 1905, he took up his abode in Earlham and has there since resided in honorable retirement.

On the 1st of February, 1883, Mr. Shepherd was united in marriage to Miss Florence Powell, a daughter of Ruel and Jane (Goff) Powell, both of whom were natives of Indiana. The father was brought to this county by his parents when seven years of age and was here educated and reared to manhood. As soon as his age and strength permitted he began farming, coming into possession of the old home place in Madison township that had been entered by his father and operating the property during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in April, 1900, but his widow survives at the age of sixty-nine years and makes her home in Earlham. She came to this state with her parents in the year 1860 and her daughter, Mrs. Shepherd, was born in Madison township, this county, in July, 1865.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Shepherd has supported the men and measures of the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He served as township clerk of Madison township for twenty-two years, was secretary of the school district for sixteen years and held the office of treasurer for two years. After removing to Earlham he acted as city clerk for four years and is the present assessor, having served in that office for two years. As a public official he has made a most creditable record, ever discharging the duties devolving upon him in an efficient and commendable manner. In all relations of life he has proven himself upright, honorable and straightforward, well worthy of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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#### MILLER RICHARD TIDRICK.

With the passing of Miller Richard Tidrick, Winterset lost one of its pioneer merchants, a man who was for many years a force in the commercial development of the city. He was born on the 4th of December, 1833, in Guernsey county, Ohio, a son of Michael and Elsie (Lanning) Tidrick, and his boyhood was spent under the parental roof. His education was obtained in the schools of his native county and in his young manhood he followed the profession of teaching for a time. In 1852, when nineteen years of age, he removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where he remained during the winter. He then continued his way westward, going across the plains and mountain passes to California with ox teams. He





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remained about five years in the mining camps and then returned by water to the east.

In 1858 Mr. Tidrick came to Winterset and for a time engaged in teaming and freighting, making two trips to Denver. After abandoning that occupation he became a clerk in a dry-goods store in Adel, Iowa, and subsequently entered the drug store of his brother in Winterset, where he was clerking at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He felt that it was incumbent upon all patriotic young men to go to the defense of the Union and was one of the first to enlist from Winterset, becoming a member of Company G, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After being with the colors for a year his health failed and he was honorably discharged on account of disability. He returned to Winterset and again became a clerk in his brother's drug store. In 1862 he was elected clerk of the county and his excellent record in that office won him a second and third term.

Upon returning to private life Mr. Tidrick engaged in the grocery business and was soon joined by his brother Isaac. Following the death of the latter our subject sold his grocery store and turned his attention to the dry-goods business, becoming junior partner in the firm of Jones & Tidrick. He remained in the mercantile business in Winterset until 1894, being during that time associated with a number of partners. In 1894 he turned his store over to his sons, Fred and Harry, and retired save for looking after his farm. In 1908 he fell and broke his hip and from that time until his death on the 13th of November, 1914, was an invalid. He owned a good residence on thirty acres of land, a part of which was within the city limits of Winterset.

On the 16th of July, 1862, Mr. Tidrick was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Fisher, who was born in Bridgewater, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1841, a daughter of George P. and Rebecca (Stewart) Fisher. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, and was a contractor and builder. He passed away in young manhood and his wife, who was also born in Pennsylvania but of Scotch-Irish lineage, died when thirty-six years old. Mrs. Tidrick was but a child when her parents passed away and was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Rodenbaugh, who reared her as their own daughter. She resided in Pennsylvania until 1856, when she accompanied her foster parents to Dallas county, Iowa, settlement being made upon a farm near Adel. To Mr. and Mrs. Tidrick were born seven children: Charles A., who died in 1908; Jessie, the wife of Robert B. Terrill, a groceryman of Winterset, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume; Elsie, who married S. A. Hays, whose sketch also appears elsewhere in this volume; Fred M., bookkeeper in a store in Des Moines; Harry, engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Winterset; Jennie, the wife of John S. Moore, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Columbia, Missouri; and George, who died when two years and three months old.

Mr. Tidrick was a republican and was always willing to give of his time in furthering the interests of his party. He was for a number of years a member of the school board and as such worked constantly to improve the public-school system. He was one of the first members of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., and in 1864 and again in 1867 was master thereof. In 1866 he joined the Presbyterian church and was treasurer and trustee in 1876, when the present edifice was erected. He was prominent not only in business circles but also in

movements that sought the welfare of the public, and his life resulted not only in the gaining of a considerable measure of material prosperity, but also in the advancement of the community interests.

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### JOHN M. WALTON.

Among the well-to-do farmers of Madison township is John M. Walton, who is a native of that township, born September 18, 1876, of the marriage of Amos and Letitia (Gownis) Walton, both natives of Hendricks county, Indiana. The father was a farmer and was successfully engaged in cultivating his land until the Civil war broke out. He responded to the president's call for troops and became a member of the Seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for three years, proving a courageous and loyal soldier. He was wounded five times in battle but never faltered in the performance of his duty as a defender of the Union. At the close of hostilities he returned to Indiana and about 1870 removed with his family to this county, buying land in Madison township. He devoted his energies to general farming and stock-raising upon that place until 1885, when he sold and removed to a farm south of Earlham. He continued to farm there until his demise, which occurred on the 22d of January, 1887. The family subsequently removed to Earlham and operated the hotel there for three years. His widow later married Milton Macey, who resided near Dexter and who passed away in December, 1897. In June, 1899, Mrs. Macey became the wife of O. K. Bales, a hardware merchant, who was then conducting a store at Dexter but in 1900 removed to Adel and is now in business there. Mrs. Bales is now sixty-nine years of age.

John M. Walton was reared and educated in this county, attending the district schools and the public schools of Earlham. He remained with his mother and stepfather until he was eighteen years of age and then began work as a farm hand. He was so occupied for five years, but at the end of that time, in connection with a brother, assumed the management of the hotel at Earlham. After one year, however, our subject went to Adair county, Iowa, and for three years rented land there. Upon his return to Madison county he rented a farm, which he operated for two years. By the end of that time he had saved enough to enable him to purchase seventy-six acres of land on section 4, Madison township. He has since concentrated his energies upon the development of his place, the production of grain and the raising of live stock. He feeds about sixty head of cattle a year; also keeps something over one hundred head of sheep; and raises high grade hogs. He is thoroughly familiar with the principles underlying agriculture and, as he is progressive in his methods and uses up-to-date machinery, his labor is rewarded by excellent crops.

Mr. Walton was married on the 23d of January, 1900, to Miss Ella Belle Fry, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Martha J. (Boyd) Fry, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. Mr. Fry was a farmer by occupation and in 1867, when a young man of twenty-one years, came to Madison county. He worked as a farm hand for three years and then rented land for six years, after which he went to Adair county and purchased eighty acres. He operated that place for thirty

years, or until the demise of his wife, after which he retired from active life and is now making his home with our subject. Mrs. Fry died on the 29th of August, 1901, after an eleven days' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Walton have a son, Paul Otis, ten years of age.

Mr. Walton is a republican and has served as treasurer of the school board for three years, doing much in that time to further the best interests of the public schools. He is a member of the Friends church and his daily life bears witness to the sincerity of his faith. All who have had dealings with him know him to be a man of strict integrity and honor, and those who have been admitted to his close friendship entertain for him the warmest regard.

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#### MISS CARRIE E. LUDLOW.

Madison county has certainly given evidence of appreciation on the part of her citizens of the capability of her women as factors in public life, as several of the public offices are filled by women who have won high encomiums through the capability with which they have discharged the important duties devolving upon them. In this connection Miss Carrie E. Ludlow is well known, being county superintendent of schools. She was born in Winterset, September 3, 1875, a daughter of William O. and Eliza A. (Fuller) Ludlow. The father was born near Muscatine, Iowa, in 1840, and when about sixteen years of age came to Madison county with his parents, Benjamin and Rachel (Adkison) Ludlow, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. They were married in the latter state and became pioneer residents of Iowa. They cast in their lot with the early settlers of Madison county and Benjamin Ludlow purchased government land in Lincoln township, where he spent the remainder of his days. Both he and his wife have long since passed away. They bore an active and helpful part in the early development of the county and contributed to its progress along agricultural lines.

William O. Ludlow was reared upon the home farm and assisted his father in its cultivation until 1861, when he enlisted as a member of Company D, First Iowa Cavalry. He was with that command all through the war, being on active duty in Missouri, Tennessee, Texas and Arkansas, during which time he participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, and by his bravery and loyalty proved his unfaltering allegiance to the Union cause. After the war he returned to his farm in this county and successfully engaged in its cultivation until he was called to the office of sheriff, being elected in 1873 on the republican ticket. He served for one term, and it was while he was acting in that capacity that the courthouse was destroyed by fire. On his retirement from office he engaged in the livery business with John Taylor, continuing along that line until 1878, when he removed to Fontanelle, Adair county, Iowa, where he engaged in the insurance business. In 1886 he went to western Nebraska and secured a homestead, living thereon for a year. He then located in Sidney, Nebraska, where he conducted a livery business until 1896. He then returned to Madison county and engaged in farming in Lincoln township until the spring of 1906, when he took up his abode in Winterset and retired from active business, there making

his home until the 8th of June, 1907, when he was called to his final rest. He held membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and greatly enjoyed the association with his old army comrades, proudly wearing, as well he might, the little bronze button of the organization. In politics he was an active republican, never faltering in his allegiance to that party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war and has ever been the party of reform and advancement.

Mrs. Ludlow was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, and was there reared. In early womanhood she came to the west to visit a sister in Adair county, Iowa, and there met Mr. Ludlow, who sought and won her hand in marriage. She survives him and makes her home in Winterset. There were two children in the family: Carrie E.; and Ernest W., who is in the railway commissioner's office at Des Moines.

Miss Ludlow attended the public schools of Winterset and the high school at Sidney, Nebraska, and began teaching in this county in 1896, spending three years as a teacher in the rural schools of Madison township. She then secured a situation in the public schools of Winterset, with which she was connected until 1912, when she became the candidate of the republican party for the office of county superintendent of schools. She assumed the duties of that position in January, 1913, and is now acting in that capacity. Her previous experience as a teacher well qualified her for her work in this connection. She has studied the needs and opportunities of the schools, keeps in touch with the advanced methods of the leading educators of the country and is doing everything in her power to improve educational conditions here. Her work has already given great satisfaction and has been attended with excellent results.

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#### WILLIAM M. ANDERSON, M. D.

Dr. William M. Anderson, who was for many years a successful and well-known physician of St. Charles, died at his home here on the 1st of December, 1897, and in his passing the community lost a man whose life had been a factor in the advancement of many worthy projects. He was born on the 3d of October, 1835, in Guernsey county, Ohio, and resided upon the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Lexington, that state, and began reading medicine with his uncle, Dr. Hugh P. Anderson. After completing his course of study he became associated with his uncle in practice and thus gained an experience corresponding to the training that the medical students of today gain as internes in a hospital. In 1858 he removed to Iowa, settling first at Greenbush, Warren county, where his father then resided. For a time he taught school, but in 1859 he opened an office for the practice of medicine at Nevada, Story county. In the spring of the following year he purchased the home and business of Dr. J. S. Calaway, of St. Charles, and from that time until his death was active as a physician. He was careful in making a diagnosis and as he knew materia medica thoroughly he was usually able to prescribe the proper remedy for the disease. His knowledge and ability gained him the respect of his colleagues and of the general public and his unselfish devotion to the



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work of relieving suffering gained him a warm place in the hearts of many. To him the practice of medicine was a profession and an opportunity for service more than a business, and if his aid was needed it was given, irrespective of the ability of the patient to pay for medical attention. At his demise it was said that "the poor of this community have lost their best friend." He was a man of much energy and ambition and practiced until a few hours before his death, and so "died in the harness," which was as he himself would have wished.

Dr. Anderson was twice married, his first union being with Miss Amanda J. Ritchie, who became his wife in February, 1863. She was born in Richland county, Ohio. They were the parents of four children, a daughter and three sons, but the daughter died in infancy and A. R. passed away in the fall of 1911 in Oklahoma. E. K. is living in St. Charles, and H. P., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, is a merchant of St. Charles. On the 28th of December, 1871, Dr. Anderson married Miss Annie C. R. Miller, who died January 10, 1902, and to them were born seven children, four of whom died in infancy. The record of those who grew to maturity is as follows: F. R., who was a senior at the medical school of Drake University, when he passed away on the 10th of January, 1902; Susie, the wife of Rev. W. F. Graham, of Winchester, Kansas; and J. H., a rural mail carrier living in St. Charles, who is married and has one child.

Dr. Anderson gave his allegiance to the democratic party, but was never active in politics. He was prominent in church circles, however, and in the fall of 1860 assisted in organizing the Presbyterian church in St. Charles. He was always willing to cooperate in worthy public movements, but his greatest service to his community was as a physician, who at all times held his knowledge and skill at the disposal of those who were sick and suffering, and for forty-seven years he ministered to their needs, riding at all hours of the day and night, stopping neither for bad weather nor fatigue. Although he passed away eighteen years ago, he is still remembered and honored.

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#### WILLIAM D. PATTERSON.

William D. Patterson, a representative and prosperous agriculturist of Madison county, owns and operates a well improved farm embracing three hundred and sixty acres on section 21, Scott township. His birth occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of December, 1863, his parents being John D. and Amanda (Mahana) Patterson, who spent their entire lives in that county, the father always living on the same farm. The youngest brother of our subject represents the third generation on the old homestead farm in Greene county, Pennsylvania, which has been in possession of the family for more than a century. To John D. Patterson and his wife were born six children but only three came to Iowa; William D., of this review; Dr. L. S., who is a resident of Unionville, and Bradley M., of Des Moines, Iowa. Their great-great-grandfather served under General George Washington in the Revolutionary war.

William D. Patterson acquired his early education in the public schools of his native county and subsequently pursued a course of study in the State Normal

School at Edinboro, Pennsylvania. When not yet twenty-one years of age he came to Iowa and here worked as a farm hand for two years, on the expiration of which period he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing two hundred acres of land in Lee township, Madison county, and operating the place for fifteen years. The property had been improved to some extent when it came into his possession, but he remodeled the buildings, set out trees and an orchard and thus greatly enhanced its value. In 1901 he disposed of the place and purchased his present farm of three hundred and sixty acres in Scott township, where he has carried on general agricultural pursuits continuously. Success has attended his undertakings, for he embodies the most modern and practical methods in his farm work and annually gathers golden harvests which find a ready sale on the market.

In 1891, in Madison county, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Miss Clyde Bird, a native of this county and a daughter of Butler Bird. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are the parents of two children, namely: Birdie, who gave her hand in marriage to Ralph Wiley, of Winterset, Iowa; and Bradley, at home.

Mr. Patterson is a progressive in politics and in 1914 was honored by his party with the nomination for state representative. He has been influential in the development of the Farmers' Institute, acting as chairman and serving on its various committees. This institute, which since 1913 has been known as the Farmers' Short Course, meets each year at Winterset and is an important factor in the agricultural development of the county. In 1913 Mr. Patterson was elected president and has served in that capacity since, being one of the active men in Madison county associated with this institution. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Church of Christ, to which his wife also belongs. They enjoy an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community and the hospitality of the best homes is cordially extended them.

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#### FRANK B. BROCK.

Those who know Frank B. Brock, and his friends are many, have no hesitancy in predicting that he will make an excellent officer in the position of sheriff, to which he was elected in the fall of 1914, assuming his duties in January, 1915.

Mr. Brock was born in Lincoln township, March 19, 1870, his parents being Jonas F. and Elizabeth M. (Housh) Brock, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm in the usual manner of the lad who assists in the work of the fields and acquires his education in the public schools. He was thus occupied until he was about twenty-two years of age. He was then married and rented a farm in Webster township, upon which he lived for two years, removing at the end of that time to Warren county, Iowa, where he cultivated a rented farm for about four years. Subsequently he spent two years in Des Moines, Iowa, working for an ice company, and at the end of that time returned to his native county and rented the old home farm. For about sixteen years he continued its cultivation and then began selling road machinery in Iowa and Minnesota for the J. D. Adams Leaning Wheel Road

Machinery Company of Indianapolis, Indiana. He traveled for several years during the summer seasons and continued in their employ even through the summer and fall in which he was a candidate for office, doing very little electioneering. In June, 1912, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Madison county but continued with the Adams Company, demonstrating road machinery through the summer months. In 1914 he was made the nominee of the republican party for the office of county sheriff and won the election, so that he entered upon the duties of the position in January, 1915. During the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, held in St. Louis in 1904, he acted for six months as a member of the admission department.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Brock was married to Miss Sadie Ragan, a native of this county and a daughter of B. F. Ragan, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. They have four children: Esther R., now the wife of Fred Eyerly, of this county; Grace, at home; Ozro R., living in Indianola, Iowa; and Elmo, at home.

Mr. Brock is a member of Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., of Winterset, and the Iowa State Traveling Men's Association, and he belongs also to the Methodist church. He is a large, well proportioned man, whole-souled, kindly and popular. He is known throughout the county as Frank, a term which indicates his cordiality and approachableness. When occasion demands, however, he can be stern and unrelenting and this combination of qualities will insure his efficiency and fidelity in office.

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#### ERNEST M. THOMAS.

Ernest M. Thomas, an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist residing on section 4, Madison township, owns and operates a productive farm embracing three hundred and sixty acres. This has remained his home from his birth to the present time, his natal day being December 22, 1877. His parents were Mark and Almeda (Barnett) Thomas, natives of Indiana. In 1855 the mother came to Iowa with her parents, the family home being established in Madison township, this county. Mark Thomas came to this state in 1869 and for some years operated a farm in Guthrie county. In 1875 he came to Madison county, purchasing and improving a farm of three hundred and sixty acres on section 4, Madison township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits continuously and successfully during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 18th of February, 1910, but his widow still survives and now makes her home with our subject, enjoying an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community in which she has resided for six decades.

In the acquirement of an education Ernest M. Thomas attended the public schools of Earlham and Penn College of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Since putting aside his text-books he has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits, and the operation of the home farm has claimed his time and energies, the property comprising three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land on section 4, Madison township. In connection with the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he usually feeds one hundred head of cattle annually. He buys and

sells stock continually and feeds eight hundred head of sheep and three hundred head of hogs. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a representative and substantial citizen of his native county.

On the 3d of March, 1903, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Wilcox, a daughter of Francis M. and Harriet (Abbott) Wilcox, who were natives of North Carolina and Ohio respectively. The father removed to Kentucky as a boy and subsequently engaged in general merchandising at Grayson, that state. During the period of the Civil war he served for four years as a member of the Forty-second Kentucky Infantry. In 1887 he took up his abode in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and there spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away on the 22d of February, 1902. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Oskaloosa. In their family were six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Carrie, a resident of Oskaloosa; Myrtle, the wife of our subject; E. B., a physician conducting a private hospital in Oskaloosa; C. H., who is engaged in the furniture business at that place; Lida, the wife of William Mackert of Oskaloosa; and Georgia, the wife of S. H. Walling of Des Moines.

Mr. Thomas gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with the Masons, while his religious faith is that of the Friends church. He is interested in the growth and welfare of the community where he has always resided and where he is held in high esteem as a progressive agriculturist and representative citizen.

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#### WILLIAM O. LUCAS.

William O. Lucas, engaged in the practice of law at Winterset, has been a life-long resident of Madison county, his birth having occurred in Douglas township, January 30, 1866. He is a son of William G. and Hannah (Bardrick) Lucas. The former was born in Xenia, Ohio, January 29, 1821, and when nine years of age went to Illinois with his parents, the family removing to Sangamon county, at which time they took up their abode upon a farm near Springfield, being pioneer settlers of that locality. There William G. Lucas was reared and he remained in that county until the spring of 1852, when he came to Madison county, Iowa. The following year he settled upon a farm in Douglas township, where he made his home for forty-six years, or until 1899, when he rented the place and removed to Winterset, where he lived retired. He made the journey westward with ox teams and wagon and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land which he converted into a rich and valuable farm. Year after year he worked persistently and energetically in the development of his place, and it brought to him a substantial annual income. He was a member of the Grange and was interested in every plan for the improvement of agricultural conditions. He died when more than eighty years of age. His wife was born in England and came to the United States in her girlhood. She was one of the pioneer women of Madison county and died here May 5, 1867. In the family were eight children: Mary, now the deceased wife of Albert C. Mills; Martha, deceased;

Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Garretson, of Winterset; George and Henry, who have passed away; Ellen, the deceased wife of John Lovelace; Maria, the wife of Albert Guye, a resident farmer of Union township; and William O.

The last named was but an infant at the time of his mother's death. His boyhood and youth were spent upon the home farm and he attended the public schools, acquiring his early education in the district school near his father's home and afterward pursuing his studies in the high school of Winterset. For two terms he engaged in teaching in a country school, but it was his desire to become a member of the bar and with that end in view he entered the law office of Vincent Wainwright, of Winterset, who directed his preliminary reading. He afterward became a student in the State University at Iowa City and was there graduated upon the completion of the course in the law department with the class of 1889. He next engaged in practice with his former preceptor until Mr. Wainwright's death six months later. For a short time he was in partnership with S. A. Hays, but since that time has been alone. In a profession where advancement depends solely upon individual merit he has worked his way steadily upward and is accorded a liberal clientage which has connected him with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of the district.

In 1894 Mr. Lucas was married to Miss Hattie Bridges, a native of Henry county, Iowa, who came in childhood with her parents to this county. They have two children: Helen, now attending Drake University at Des Moines; and William Robert, at home. Mr. Lucas exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democratic party and is a recognized leader in its local ranks. He served as mayor of Winterset for two terms, from 1907 until 1911, and was elected for the second term without opposition, a fact which stands as incontrovertible evidence of his ability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He gave to the city a business-like administration in which he brought about various needed reforms and improvements. He is now city attorney, serving his second term, and is caring for the legal interests of Winterset with the same fidelity which he manifested in the discharge of his duties as mayor. With the exception of one year he has continuously been secretary of the school board for twenty-six years and the cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion. He holds membership with Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., of which he has been district deputy, and belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, and he and his family are members of the Methodist church. His life work has been of signal service and benefit to his fellow townsmen along various lines. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character, for those qualities have guided him in all of his relations.

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#### FRED ROY.

Fred Roy, an enterprising and successful young agriculturist of Madison county, owns and operates a farm of eighty acres on section 17, Lincoln township, which has remained his home from his birth to the present time. He was born on the 11th of September, 1883, a son of John L. Roy and a grandson of Thomas Roy. More extended mention of the family is made on another page

of this work. At the time of his father's death Fred Roy succeeded to the ownership of eighty acres of the home farm and has since been busily engaged in the further cultivation of the tract, annually gathering good harvests which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 8th of September, 1912, Mr. Roy was united in marriage to Miss Manda Huffman, her father being George Huffman, of Webster township, this county. General agricultural pursuits claim his attention and reward his industry, and in the community where his entire life has been spent he is well known as a representative, substantial and esteemed citizen.

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### JOHN WORTHINGTON LEINARD.

John Worthington Leinard was for many years actively connected with the agricultural development of Lincoln township, Madison county, and is now living retired on his farm on section 2. His birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 10th of October, 1846. His father, Jacob Leinard, who was born January 15, 1810, in the same county, was married on the 18th of May, 1838, to Miss Hester Ruby, a native of Cumberland, Maryland, who was born December 12, 1813. In 1852 they came to this county, crossing the Mississippi river by steam ferry at Burlington on the birthday of our subject. Most of the journey was made by horse and wagon. The first winter the family lived in a double log house in Winterset, but the following spring they located on a farm in Lincoln township, the father becoming the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land. Only twelve acres thereof was broken when the land came into his possession and the only building was a small log house. The first few years were years of struggle and hardship, but when the land was once under cultivation the excellent crops produced yielded a good income and at the time of his death Mr. Leinard was a well-to-do man. He passed away May 12, 1893, in this county, having survived his wife since the 14th of April, 1888. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and took a lively interest in the growth and influence of the church. Mr. Leinard was a republican and for twenty-five years promoted the cause of education as secretary of the school board. For a considerable time he was also secretary of the Grange.

To him and his wife were born six children: Elizabeth, deceased, whose birth occurred on the 5th of July, 1839, and who became the wife of George T. Darnell, of Madison county; Anna C., born November 20, 1840, the deceased wife of Lewis Thornburg, who resides in Winterset; Martha Matilda, who was born April 25, 1843, and died August 10, 1844; John W.; Samantha, who was born March 3, 1849, and died in infancy; and Melville C., who was born on the 28th of February, 1852, and resides in Winterset.

The boyhood of John W. Leinard was passed upon his father's farm and his time was largely occupied by attendance at the public schools and work upon his father's farm. In early manhood he taught school for a short time, but after his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-five years of age, he located upon a farm in Adair county, and operated the same for a number of years. Later he returned to his old home in Lincoln township, this county, and now holds



MR. AND MRS. JACOB LEINARD





title to one hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, which was a part of the land owned by his father. His methods were up-to-date and because of his industry and energy his crops were good and his stock well cared for. Through carefully watching the market he was enabled to sell at an advantage and his resources steadily increased until he accumulated enough to retire from active life.

Mr. Leinard married Miss Elizabeth Ann Smith, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio. A record of her parents, James and Sarah Ann (Stubbs) Smith, is found elsewhere in this work. To and Mr. and Mrs. Leinard were born four children: Bertram, who died when thirty-one years of age; Alpha, the wife of J. E. Jones, of Sterling, Colorado; Arthur H., who married Myrna Hoots and is renting his father's farm; and Mildred, who is attending Drake University at Des Moines.

Mr. Leinard and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and not only contribute of their means to its support but take an active part in its work. His political affiliation is with the republican party and he has served as township clerk and township trustee, discharging the duties of those offices with ability and circumspection. Although he was but a child of six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to this county, he has quite a vivid recollection of the journey and remembers especially well crossing the Mississippi river. He was naturally anxious to go to the railing and look over at the water and his mother had to hold him for fear that he might fall into the river. As it is more than six decades ago that the family located here, pioneer conditions then largely prevailed and he knows by experience the life of the frontier. He has won a fair measure of material success, but values even more highly the esteem and respect which is generally accorded him and which is well deserved, as he has been at all times honest, upright and just, and many there are who have received unusual kindness at his hands.

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#### M. C. LEINARD.

Among the able business men of Winterset is numbered M. C. Leinard, who is dealing in coal and feed. His birth occurred in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 28th of February, 1852, and his parents were Jacob and Hester (Ruby) Leinard, a sketch of whom is found elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Leinard of this review was educated in this county, attending the district schools and the Winterset high school. He also took a course at the Des Moines Business College, upon the completion of which he returned to Winterset and for several years taught school. In the meantime he purchased a farm and for a number of years cultivated it successfully. In 1893 he leased his land and took up his residence in Winterset. In 1906 he removed to southern Missouri and there farmed and ran a sawmill until 1910, when he returned to Winterset. Three years later he entered the feed and coal business, in which he is still engaged. He is familiar with the methods of modern business practice, understands how to buy to advantage and is able to sell high grade coal and feed at reasonable prices. His patronage has already reached gratifying proportions and is constantly growing. He still owns his farm but leases it.

On Christmas Day, 1873, Mr. Leinard married Miss Mary M. Smith, a daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Stubbs) Smith, an account of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Leinard have two children. Ernest R. married Miss Rosa Husted and they have three children, Vesta, Thomas and Inez. Irma is the wife of Rev. J. J. Pruitt, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Paton, Iowa, and their children are Margaret and William.

Mr. Leinard is an influential member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and has held many offices in that organization. For many years he was active in Sunday-school work and for more than a decade was secretary of the Madison County Sunday School Association. He believes that the religious education of the young is a matter of the greatest importance to the future of the country and sees in the Sunday school the institution best fitted to give that training. He has also held a local preacher's license and quite frequently in the past took the place of various ministers during their absence or sickness. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served ably as road supervisor and as school director. He has been connected with a number of interests in the county and his success in life is due to his energy, determination and soundness of judgment.

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#### O. D. ROLLSTIN.

O. D. Rollstin, representing a pioneer family that was established here more than a half century ago, is a worthy native son and prosperous agriculturist of Madison county and owns a valuable and highly improved farm of eighty acres on section 17, Scott township. His birth occurred in that township on the 28th of October, 1863, his parents being Andrew and Mary (James) Rollstin, the former born in Guernsey county, Ohio, January 3, 1833, and the latter in Madison county, Indiana, September 25, 1838. Andrew Rollstin is a son of John and Margaret (McGuffin) Rollstin, who spent their entire lives in the Buckeye state. When twenty-seven years of age he came to Iowa and in 1860 wedded Miss Mary James, renting and cultivating a farm near that of his father-in-law for one year. After the birth of his first child he settled in Scott township and there purchased a farm which he operated successfully during the remainder of his active business career. For the past eighteen years he has lived retired at Winterset, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. He formerly supported the democracy but in recent years has voted the prohibition ticket. His wife is a daughter of James M. and Mary (Rambo) James, natives of North Carolina, both of whom are deceased. The mother passed away in Indiana at the age of forty-one years, and the father came to Madison county, Iowa, when his daughter Mary was a maiden of sixteen, settling northeast of Winterset. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rollstin have been members of the Baptist church for forty-five years and their upright, honorable lives have won them the high esteem and regard of all with whom they have been associated. They have lived in this county from pioneer times to the present and are largely familiar with its annals. To them were born seven children. James has been twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Adeline Harrel and leaving five children. William,

for sixteen years a missionary in Japan, is now residing in Colorado for the benefit of his health. O. D., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Alice and Mida are both deceased. Preston wedded Miss Lena Huss and makes his home in Winterset. Leston, twin brother of Preston, married Miss Nellie Hemminger and resides in Nebraska.

O. D. Rollstin was reared in the township of his nativity and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he lived in Nebraska for a short time and was married in that state. After returning to this county he purchased his father's farm of two hundred and twenty-seven and a half acres on section 21, Scott township, which he operated continuously and successfully until 1913, when he disposed of the property and bought an excellently improved tract of eighty acres on section 17, Scott township, on which he has remained to the present time. He long conducted his general farming interests with gratifying and well merited success but has now largely put aside the active work of the fields.

In 1886 Mr. Rollstin was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Holloway, a native of Iroquois county, Illinois, by whom he has two children: Nellie, the wife of Delwin E. Travis, of Walnut township; and Edna. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and at one time ably served in the capacity of township assessor. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs. He has resided in this county throughout practically his entire life and is widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

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### JOSEPH COMP.

Joseph Comp is a retired farmer now living in Winterset but is still the owner of valuable property which affords him a generous annual income. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, March 12, 1842, while his parents were from Pennsylvania and his grandparents were natives of Germany. Joseph Comp spent his boyhood days under the parental roof and attended the district schools. He left home at the age of twenty-one, making his way to Mercer county, Illinois, where he had an older brother living. There he attended school for one winter, and he also worked at the carpenter's trade with his brother, being thus engaged until October, 1864, when, feeling that his duty to his country was paramount to all else, he enlisted as a member of Company I, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was one of the troops recruited to fill out an old regiment and was honorably discharged in October, 1865, being mustered out at New Orleans. He participated in the battle of Franklin on the 30th of November, 1864, that of Nashville on the 15th and 16th of December, and in various skirmishes. He escaped without being wounded or taken prisoner and returned to his home with a creditable military record.

When the war was over Mr. Comp again made his way to Mercer county, Illinois, and once more worked with his brother at the carpenter's trade. Later he returned to Ohio, where he engaged in cultivating his father's farm until

1869. He then came to Madison county and purchased eighty acres of wild prairie land in Douglas township. With characteristic energy he began to develop and improve that property and continuously followed farming for more than forty-one years. He paid fifteen dollars per acre for his original purchase, later bought sixty acres for twenty dollars per acre and still later one hundred and sixty acres at thirty dollars per acre. He is today the owner of three hundred acres worth one hundred and fifty dollars per acre. Year after year he carefully tilled the soil, employing modern farming methods in the improvement of his place. He was thus engaged until 1910, when he turned the farm over to his sons, and retiring from business life, took up his abode in Winterset, where he now has leisure for the enjoyment of those things which are to him a matter of interest and recreation.

On the 2d of October, 1866, Mr. Comp was united in marriage in Wayne county, Ohio, to Miss Savilla Johnson, a native of Wayne county, born November 13, 1843, and to them have been born six children: Ora, who died at the age of eighteen years; George William, a resident farmer of Jackson township; Walter J., who is upon the home farm; Ira D., also a farmer of this county; Mabel, the wife of Samuel Hoeness, who carries on general farming in Jackson township; and Franklin W., who is also upon the home farm.

Mr. Comp belongs to Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset, and greatly enjoys meeting with his old army comrades and recounting the incidents of military life in the south. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their lives have been lived in accordance with its teachings. Mr. Comp has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey and he deserves the rest which has come to him, for it is the merited outcome and reward of persistent, earnest and honorable labor.

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#### HARLAN C. HUSTED.

Harlan C. Husted, filling the office of county clerk of Madison county, his home being in Winterset, has been a lifelong resident of this part of the state and has always been imbued with the spirit of enterprise and progress which has been a dominant factor in bringing about present-day conditions of progress and prosperity. He was born in Ohio township, this county, on the 16th of September, 1878, a son of Thomas and Mary S. (Means) Husted. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Rachel Husted, who removed from Indiana to Iowa at a very early period in the development of this state, casting in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Clarke county, where Peter Husted entered land from the government and began the development of a farm, converting the wild prairie into rich fields. Thereon he made his home until his death and his wife has also passed away.

Thomas Husted was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 30th of April, 1845, and was but a small boy when the family removed to Clarke county. His youthful experiences were those which usually fall to the lot of the farm lad. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new fields and shared with the family in the hardships and privations of life on the frontier. He remained upon the home farm until about seventeen years of age and then enlisted on the

26th of July, 1862, as a soldier of the Union army for service in the Civil war, becoming a private of Company B, Eighteenth Iowa Infantry, with which he was connected for three years. His regiment was attached to the Western army and on one occasion he sustained a slight gunshot wound in the neck. He was honorably discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, July 14, 1865, and returned home to Clarke county, again taking up his abode upon the farm, where he remained until 1866. He then came to Madison county and the family has since been represented here. He married and took up his abode in Ohio township, purchasing fifty-two acres of land which he at once began to convert into richly developed fields. He followed general farming and stockraising and as success attended his labors he added to his holdings from time to time until he was the owner of over four hundred acres. His life was thus a busy and useful one and he contributed in large measure to the agricultural development of his part of the county. In 1892 he rented his farm and removed to Winterset, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred October 5, 1913. He was a member of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and he gave his political indorsement to the republican party. He was also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and did everything in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. The forces in his life were well balanced. He gave due attention to business yet never allowed it to interfere with the other duties of life and did much toward promoting the political and moral advancement of the community.

In early manhood Thomas Husted married Miss Mary S. Means, who was a native of Indiana, born March 20, 1843. She was about thirteen years of age when she went to Burlington, Iowa. Her parents were William and Eliza (Holstein) Means. The former passed away in Indiana and the latter afterward brought her family to Iowa, settling at Burlington, where she lived for a year. She then came to Madison county, which was still a frontier district, much of the land being in possession of the government. She entered a claim in Scott township and became one of the early settlers of that region. Her death occurred in Des Moines when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-four years. Her daughter, Mrs. Mary S. Husted, spent the greater part of her life in this state and her death occurred in Osceola on the 12th of August, 1913, when she was in her seventy-first year, and her loss was deeply regretted by many who knew her, for she was an earnest Christian woman who long held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: William F., who is an auditor in the postal department at Washington, D. C.; Robert S., who was engaged in the real-estate business at Osceola, Iowa, and died August 3, 1913; Charles E., a resident farmer of South township, Madison county; Thomas E., also living in South township; Cora B., the wife of Melvin Allen, of Winterset; Harlan C.; Rosa A., the wife of E. R. Leonard, of Winterset; and Orlando D., a farmer of Clarke county, Iowa.

Farm work early became familiar to Harlan C. Husted, who was reared on the old homestead and early began to assist in the labors of the fields. He attended the public schools and for two years was a student in the Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls. He taught in the district schools for a time and afterward became principal of the schools at Peru, Iowa, where he remained for three years, from 1906 until 1909. He was then appointed deputy county clerk, which position he filled for four years, and in 1912 was elected clerk. He

discharged the duties of the position in such an able and conscientious manner that he was reelected in 1914 and is now serving for a second term, making eight years' connection with the office. He has supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has always been an active worker in its ranks, for he believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government.

On the 27th of August, 1906, Mr. Husted was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Kirsch, who was born in Clarke county, Iowa, and was there reared and educated. They have four children, Lucile, Ruth, John H. and Ella, all at home. Mr. Husted is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, while his wife is a Catholic in her religious faith. Fraternally he is a Mason, connected with both the lodge and chapter, and he belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. As an educator he made an enviable record for capability and in office his course has been above reproach because of his fidelity to duty and the high standards of citizenship to which he adheres.

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#### JEHU M. JOHNSTON.

Jehu M. Johnston was for many years an extensive farmer and stockman, operating several hundred acres of land, and his demise, which occurred at his home near St. Charles January 24, 1906, was the occasion of sincere regret. He was born in Franklin county, Indiana, August 3, 1828, a son of John C. and Madaline (Wheadon) Johnston, both natives of Virginia. The father removed to Madison county, Iowa, about 1850 and secured a large tract of land, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, passing away November 7, 1863.

Jehu M. Johnston came to this county in 1849 and in 1850 located near St. Charles. He was then a young man and became the owner of a farm, which he entered from the government. He at once began its cultivation and improvement and became an able and successful farmer and stock-raiser. From time to time he bought other land, and at his death held title to several hundred acres, from which he derived a handsome income. He was one of the representative and substantial men of his township, and his business ability gained the respect of those who had dealings with him.

On the 16th of November, 1848, Mr. Johnston married Miss Hester McKeown, who was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America with her parents when twelve years of age. They located in Indiana and there she grew to womanhood and was married. She passed away on the homestead near St. Charles in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was an active member. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were born the following children: Mary Madaline, born March 5, 1850, now the widow of Wesley Roberts, a veteran of the Civil war and a farmer of this county who was living in St. Charles when his death occurred in 1911; John F., born November 15, 1853, a banker of St. Charles; Samuel T., born March 30, 1855, an extensive farmer of South township; Jemima E., born August 26, 1857, the wife of James Y. McGinnis, a farmer living near St. Charles; Alexander W., born August 21, 1860, a successful farmer also residing near St. Charles; William M., born October 15, 1862, engaged in the



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dray business at Bevington; Hester J., born December 25, 1864, the wife of S. S. Switzer, a merchant of St. Charles; James Wesley, born July 25, 1869, who is engaged in the dray business and lives north of Des Moines; and Albert Simpson and Robert W., twins, born May 1, 1867. The latter died in infancy and Albert is a farmer residing in southern Iowa.

Mr. Johnston was a republican and took an active part in the work of his party. His life was one of useful activity and this county is the better for his having lived therein.

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### JOHN H. LA PELLA.

John H. La Pella is a retired agriculturist living in Earlham, where he has made his home since 1898, while the period of his residence in this county covers almost a half century. His birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 16th of November, 1844, his parents being Nicholas and Margaret (McQue) La Pella, the former a native of France and the latter of Pennsylvania. In 1853 Nicholas La Pella removed with his family to Jasper county, Iowa, where he entered and improved a tract of land which he cultivated for a number of years. His last years were spent in honorable retirement at Monroe, where his demise occurred on the 17th of October, 1865. His wife had been called to her final rest in August, 1855.

John H. La Pella, who was a lad of nine years when he came to this state with his parents, acquired his education in Jasper county and lived with his sister after his mother's death. In 1862 he went to the front in defense of the Union, having enlisted as a member of Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years. During that period he was held a prisoner for eight months and also participated in a number of important engagements, making a creditable record as a most loyal and faithful soldier and never faltering in the performance of any task assigned to him. He was honorably discharged on the 2d of August, 1865, at Fort Gibson, Cherokee Nation, and then returned to Jasper county, Iowa, where he attended school for a short time. In February, 1866, he came to Madison county and for one year worked as a farm hand, while subsequently he cultivated rented land until 1870. In that year he purchased eighty acres of land in Douglas township, improved the property and continued active in its operation for about twenty-seven years. On the expiration of that period, having accumulated a comfortable competence through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests, he purchased an attractive residence in Earlham, where he has lived retired for the past seventeen years in the enjoyment of well earned ease.

On the 24th of April, 1867, Mr. La Pella was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Eyerly, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Thuma) Eyerly, who were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. In 1845 they took up their abode in Washington county, Iowa, where the father was engaged in carpentering and also followed farming for a number of years. In 1865 he came to Madison county, purchasing a farm in Crawford township which he operated for several years and then sold. His last days were spent on his son's farm near Newton, Iowa, his demise occurring in 1870. His wife, surviving

him for almost three decades, passed away in May, 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. La Pella have been born four children, as follows: Lauretta H., who is the wife of Elmer Roseman and resides in California; Elbertis E., who is an agriculturist residing in Texas; Elma M., who died on the 26th of January, 1897; and Mary M., who gave her hand in marriage to Clarence DeVault, a farmer of this county.

At the polls Mr. La Pella supports the measures and candidates of the prohibition party, believing that the liquor traffic is one of the worst evils with which this country has to contend. He has served as trustee of Madison township and also as school director, making a commendable record in both connections. He is also a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church, exemplifying its teachings in his daily life. His career has been active, useful and upright and his many excellent qualities of mind and character have gained him a wide circle of friends.

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#### WALTER H. VANCE.

Walter H. Vance, who is filling the office of deputy clerk of Madison county and makes his home in Winterset, was born in Washington county, Indiana, April 19, 1857. Tradition shows that the family comes of Scotch ancestry. The grandparents, however, were natives of West Virginia and became pioneer settlers of Indiana, in which state William M. Vance, the father of our subject, was born in the year 1818. He was reared to the occupation of farming and lived in Indiana until 1865, when he removed to Illinois. Fourteen years were there passed, at the end of which time he came to Madison county, Iowa, establishing his home in Winterset. After a time he removed to a farm in Union township and his remaining days were devoted to general agricultural pursuits. He wedded Mary M. Knox, who was born in North Carolina. She was twice married and with her first husband went to Texas, where his death occurred. She afterward returned to her parents' home in Indiana and it was there that she formed the acquaintance of Mr. Vance. Following their marriage they removed westward and in 1879 became residents of Madison county, where they both lived until called to their final rest. The death of Mr. Vance occurred when he was sixty-eight years of age, while his wife died at the age of seventy-four. They had two children, but the daughter, Sarah E., died at the age of forty years, leaving Walter H. Vance as the only surviving member of the family.

In his native state Walter H. Vance spent the first eight years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Knox county, Illinois, where he was reared to manhood upon the home farm. He attended the district schools and also the high school at Oneida, Illinois, and later he entered Monmouth College at Monmouth, Illinois, where he remained as a student for two years. In the periods not devoted to education he worked upon the home farm and was connected with farming interests in Illinois until 1878, when he made his way direct to Madison county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Madison township. He had little capital at that time and rented a farm, devoting the summer months to its cultivation, while the winter seasons were given to school teaching. He fol-

lowed farming in Madison and Penn townships and for four years was in Polk county, where he took charge of a large shorthorn breeding establishment upon a farm of sixteen hundred acres, which he managed for four years. In 1892 he established his home in Winterset and taught school for two terms. In 1900 he was elected county recorder on the republican ticket and was reelected to that office in 1902. He afterward spent about three years in the study of law under a Mr. Steele and in 1908 he was appointed postmaster at Winterset, which position he continued to fill until June, 1913. Two years later, or in 1915, he was made deputy county clerk and is now filling that position. When he was upon the farm he had a large herd of shorthorn cattle. He is well informed on everything relating to stock-raising and speaks with authority on many questions bearing upon that subject.

On the 24th of December, 1880, Mr. Vance was united in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Nichols, a native of this county and a daughter of George T. and Mary (Johnson) Nichols, who arrived in Madison county in 1854 and settled in Madison township, where they spent the remainder of their days. Mr. and Mrs. Vance have become the parents of eight children: Alice P., the wife of J. M. Wauchope, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Charles R., who is in the postoffice at Winterset; Claude A., who is connected with the postoffice at Des Moines, Iowa; George V., a farmer of this county; Harry, a clerk in the postoffice at Winterset; and Lynn, Mary and Robert, all at home.

Mr. Vance has always voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his belief in its principles makes him one of its stanch advocates. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in the lodge and chapter, and he has been deputy custodian of the grand chapter of Iowa, serving for one year, after which he resigned. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance and they are both widely and favorably known in this county, where Mr. Vance has now lived for about a third of a century. He has ever worked hard, making industry the basis of his success and advancement and many there are who esteem him highly for his genuine worth of character.

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#### M. E. ADDY.

M. E. Addy, the period of whose residence in Madison county covers a third of a century, has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and now owns and operates a productive farm of sixty-three acres on sections 2 and 11, Madison township. His birth occurred in Ohio in February, 1869, his parents being Marion and Hannah (Davis) Addy, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, operated a farm in Ohio until 1882, when he came to Madison county, Iowa, driving the entire distance, and bought a tract of land in Jefferson township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest in the year 1898.

M. E. Addy, who was a youth of thirteen when he came from Ohio to this county with his parents, continued his education here and remained at home until twenty-four years of age. He then started out as an agriculturist on his own account and for seven years cultivated a tract of rented land in Jefferson township, while subsequently he bought a farm in that township which he operated for one year. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought another farm in Jefferson township, which he also sold at the end of a year, purchasing the tract of sixty-three acres on sections 2 and 11, Madison township, which he has cultivated continuously and successfully since. The property is well improved in every particular and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He makes a specialty of thoroughbred registered Duroc Jersey hogs and this branch of his business adds materially to his annual income.

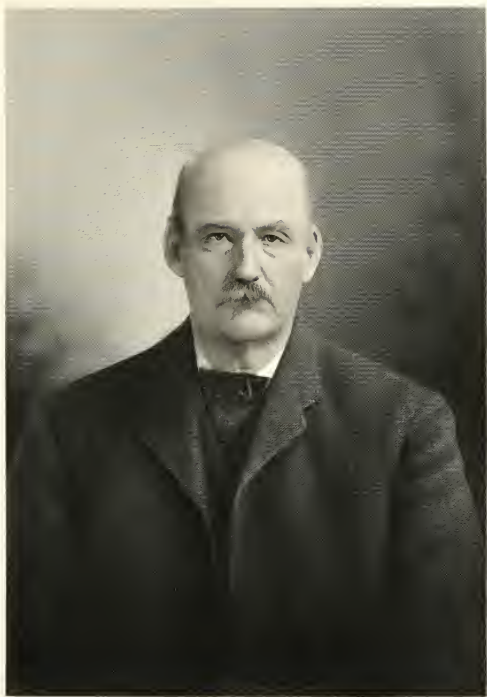
On the 15th of February, 1893, Mr. Addy was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Cox, a daughter of John and Nancy (McDonald) Cox, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father came to Madison county, Iowa, with his parents when a child and as soon as his age and strength permitted turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm in Union township, which he operated until 1901, in which year the death of his wife occurred. He is now living retired in Winterset. Mr. and Mrs. Addy have five children, as follows: Lois, twenty-one years of age, who is a school teacher of this county; Manferd, a youth of fourteen; and Mabel, Blanche and Myrtle, who are twelve, ten and six years of age respectively.

Mr. Addy gives his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is that of the United Brethren church. He and his wife are highly esteemed by all who know them, and such success as has come to him is well merited, for it has been achieved through energy, industry and honesty.

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#### L. W. HARRELL.

L. W. Harrell, deceased, was long and actively identified with general agricultural pursuits in this county and at the time of his demise owned two hundred and forty acres of valuable land on sections 17 and 18, Scott township. He was born in Jackson county, Indiana, on the 12th of March, 1832, a son of William and Mary (Peck) Harrell, and was reared on a farm, attending the district and local high schools. In young manhood he purchased land. In 1861 he was married and five years later came to Madison county, Iowa, buying a tract of eighty acres in Lincoln township. Subsequently he took up his abode in Scott township and there bought eighty acres of improved land, later extending the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until at the time of his death it embraced two hundred and forty acres. Success attended his well directed labors, and when he passed away, May 10, 1911, the community mourned the loss of one of its substantial agriculturists and highly respected citizens. The property has since been under the able management of his widow and his son Cleveland.



*L. H. Harrell*



In Indiana, in 1861, Mr. Harrell was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Scott, who was born in Jackson county, that state, on the 26th of February, 1843, a daughter of William and Mary (Wood) Scott. To Mr. and Mrs. Harrell were born nine children, as follows: one who died in infancy; W. C., who wedded Achsa Feely, of Nebraska and has one child, Myrtle; Laura B., the wife of E. G. Holmes, of New Mexico, by whom she had four children—Harry (deceased), Ethel, Floyd and Velma; Maggie, who gave her hand in marriage to Ed Schoenberger, of Walnut township; Mary Hettie, the wife of J. B. Deal, of Newton, Kansas, by whom she has two children, Louis and Hazel; Ida, who is the wife of W. A. Sellers, of Scott township, this county; Frank, who wedded Miss Ella Fredericksen, of Scott township; Johnnie, who passed away at the age of sixteen years; and Cleveland, who operates the home farm.

Mr. Harrell gave his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Christian Union church, to which his widow also belongs. The latter, a splendidly preserved and still active lady, has now resided in this county for almost a half century and enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

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#### B. F. JONES.

B. F. Jones, the period of whose residence in Madison county covers a half century, has long been numbered among its prosperous and representative agriculturists, residing on section 21, Scott township, and now owning more than three hundred acres of rich and productive land.

The birth of Mr. Jones occurred in Menard county, Illinois, on the 22d of December, 1859, his father being John T. Jones, who was born in Kentucky on the 25th of February, 1813. When a young man the latter removed to Indiana, taking up his abode near Greencastle, and subsequently located in Menard county, Illinois. On the 11th of October, 1864, he arrived in Madison county, Iowa, settling on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township, where he passed away July 4, 1886. He was twice married, his first wife bearing the maiden name of Diana Sullivan, by whom he had four children, as follows: James T., who served in the Civil war as a member of an Illinois regiment and was killed in the battle of Shiloh; Margaret, the deceased wife of William King, of Orient, Iowa; William H., who passed away in Los Angeles, California; and Lida, the deceased wife of Mat Reeves, of Kansas. For his second wife John T. Jones chose Mrs. Harriet (Berry) Nance, who was born in Illinois, November 6, 1827, and passed away in Scott township, this county, on the 19th of October, 1902, in the faith of the Methodist church. By her first husband, Redding Nance, she had four children, namely: Samuel, who is deceased; Martha, twin sister of Samuel, who is the widow of Richard Morgan and resides in Cumberland, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Charles Farabee, of Nebraska; and Thomas, who is a resident of South Dakota. By the marriage of John T. and Harriet Jones there were born two sons: B. F., of this review; and A. J.

B. F. Jones was not yet five years of age when brought to Madison county by his parents and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education.

Subsequently he purchased the old homestead property in association with his brother, A. J., with whom he carried on agricultural pursuits in partnership until 1893. In that year he bought a farm in Scott township, residing thereon during the following thirteen years, on the expiration of which period, in 1906, he purchased his present place, known as the Porter Rollstin farm. He has added to the improvements on the property, has remodeled the buildings and erected others and is now the owner of a very valuable, attractive and productive place. He lives in a handsome residence and his landed holdings aggregate more than three hundred acres. His well directed labors as an agriculturist are rewarded by golden harvests annually and he enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

In 1886, in Madison county, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Stella Harrell, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Isaac Harrell, an early settler of this county. To them have been born three children, as follows: Arthur, residing on his father's farm, who married Miss Florence Jones and has two children, Glen H. and Robert; Fred, also living on his father's farm, who wedded Beulah Holmes and has two children, Pauline and Lois; and Melvin, at home.

Mr. Jones gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has held the office of township assessor, making a creditable record in that connection. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church. He has many friends in the community, the majority of whom have known him since boyhood, which fact is a lasting tribute to his loyalty in all the relations of life.

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#### THOMAS M. SCOTT.

Thomas M. Scott, identified with agricultural interests in Madison county, his home being in Winterset, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, January 20, 1866, his parents being Alexander O. and Jane (Roberts) Scott, natives of West Virginia and Ohio respectively. They were married in the latter state and in October, 1866, arrived in Iowa, settling in South township, Madison county, where Mr. Scott purchased the Cummins farm of two hundred acres. There he engaged in the work of tilling the soil and caring for his crops until death ended his labors, September 18, 1904, when he was seventy-five years of age. In addition to tilling the soil he engaged in stock-raising and both branches of his business brought to him substantial success. In his political views he was an earnest republican and held the office of township trustee, but he was never an aspirant for political preferment. He manifested his loyalty to his country in another way, however, for at the time of the Civil war he enlisted as a sergeant of the Sixty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served for one hundred days. In his later years he belonged to the Grand Army post at St. Charles, Iowa. An active member of the Methodist church, he was a good Christian man and his example in many respects was worthy of emulation. His widow survived him until May, 1913, and passed away at the advanced age of eighty years in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she, too, was a consistent member. In their family were six children: Mrs. Rebecca Jane Van Hosen, now living in Springfield, Missouri; William R., who is foreman of the Reporter, a newspaper published at Winterset;



Edwin S., living in Portland, Kansas; Thomas M.; Hester M., the wife of Charles Leggett, who now owns and occupies the old Scott homestead in this county; and Walter M., who was a druggist and died when twenty-eight years of age.

Thomas M. Scott spent his boyhood at home with the usual experiences of farm life, its duties, its pleasures and its opportunities. He attended the public schools and continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-three years, receiving a wage of one hundred and seventy-five dollars per year during the last two years of that time. He then engaged in canvassing one summer and later was connected with a butter and egg commission business at Des Moines. He afterward followed railroading until 1892 and then returned to Madison county, where, on the 16th of March, 1892, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Banker, a native of Ohio. She died in July, 1909, leaving one son, Earl B., who is attending school.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Scott rented a farm in Ohio township belonging to his wife's father and lived thereon for four years, largely devoting his attention to the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle. He carefully saved his earnings during that period until industry and economy had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase ninety acres of land in Scott township. He then began operating his own farm and continued thereon for nine years, at the same time breeding Aberdeen Angus cattle. He became the owner of a large herd but eventually sold out. He then served for two years as deputy auditor and in 1908 was elected to that office on the republican ticket. The excellent record which he made during the first term recommended him for reelection and he was once more called to that position by popular suffrage in 1910. On his retirement he became bookkeeper and teller in the First National Bank of Winterset, continuing in that position for thirteen months, when he resigned. He now devotes his entire time to the management of his property interests. He is the owner of a farm of two hundred and eighty acres in Union township and ninety acres in Scott township which he rents and from these properties he derives a substantial annual income.

On the 5th of September, 1911, Mr. Scott was again married, his second union being with Miss Jean M. Cash, who was born in Winterset, a daughter of Frank I. and Mary E. (McMullen) Cash. Her father was a native of Ohio and arrived in Osceola, Iowa, about 1850. In 1855 he came to Winterset, where he worked at the tailor's trade, being one of the first, if not the first, in his line in Madison county. At the time of the Civil war he went to the front as a sutler and with his wagon accompanied Sherman's army throughout the period of hostilities. He afterward returned and in company with Colonel Cummings opened a tailoring shop in Winterset. Later, however, he engaged in business independently, but eventually disposed of his interests and for several years was engaged in the sale of the Singer sewing machine with headquarters at Webster City, Iowa. There he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. McMullen, was born in Logan county, Ohio, August 21, 1837, and in 1850 arrived in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she was married, accompanying her husband to Winterset in 1855. This was then a small village and the country around was largely wild and undeveloped. Since that time she has made her home in Winterset and has seen many notable changes. She is now more than seventy-seven years of age and is still quite active, and she makes her home with her

daughter, Mrs. Scott. In the Cash family were six children, of whom two died in early life, the others being: Mary L., the wife of John Michaels, of Ackley, Iowa; John L., who is living in Superior, Wisconsin; T. I., a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Mrs. Scott. The last named was educated here and taught in the Winterset schools and also in Boone, Iowa. In 1910 she was appointed superintendent of schools of Madison county by the county board of supervisors to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Gertrude Duff.

Mr. Scott holds membership in the Baptist church, while his wife is a Presbyterian in religious faith. Fraternally he is a Mason and has taken the degrees of both the lodge and chapter. In these associations are found the principles and rules which govern his conduct. His life record is one which will bear close investigation and scrutiny, for it has ever been guided by sound principles. He values his own self-respect more than wealth, fame or position and, while he has always been careful that no blot should fall upon his good name, he has also at the same time so carefully managed his business affairs that he has won success, and he has also found time to devote to public interests, various measures for the general good having profited by his cooperation and generous assistance.

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#### WILBER J. CORNELL.

Wilber J. Cornell has been connected with the Citizens National Bank for thirty-three years and has been a bank cashier longer than any other resident of Winterset. His name has become a familiar one in financial circles in his part of the state and is widely known as a synonym for business integrity and honor. He was born in Macon county, Illinois, January 1, 1850, a son of Rev. John K. and Samantha (Dowling) Cornell, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they spent their youthful days and were married. The father was a minister of the Church of Christ and in the year 1860 came to Iowa, settling in Van Buren county, where he taught school and engaged in preaching for a few years. He came to Winterset in 1875 and was minister of the church of his denomination at that place until 1877. He afterward had charge of different churches in the state until his death, which occurred in 1904 at Newton, Iowa, when he was seventy-five years of age. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1879 at the age of forty-four years. She also was a most consistent and faithful member of the Church of Christ, and her influence and teachings had a marked effect upon the lives of her ten children, of whom Wilber J. was the sixth in order of birth.

Wilber J. Cornell was brought by his parents to Iowa and lived in different towns in the state, as his father removed from place to place, until 1875, when the family came to Winterset. Here he attended school and when the family went elsewhere in 1877 he remained and for about six years engaged in clerking in a grocery store. In 1882, however, he entered the Citizens Bank as teller and after two years was elected cashier, in which position he has since remained, being now the virtual manager of the bank. He is familiar with every phase of the banking business and is ever a courteous and obliging official, ready to accommodate the patrons of the bank whenever it is possible to do so. At the same time he carefully safeguards the interests of the institution and has made it one of the strong finan-

cial concerns of the county and this section of the state. He also has business interests outside of the bank, being now the owner of three hundred acres of valuable farm land in Union township which he rents.

On the 13th of June, 1883, Mr. Cornell was united in marriage to Miss Nettie J. Wilson, a native of West Liberty, Iowa, and they have three children: John W., a stock dealer and shipper of Winterset; Edith, who is filling the office of deputy county recorder; and J. Robert, who is a graduate of the law department of the State University of Iowa and is located at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Cornell has ever voted with the republican party and is unfaltering in his advocacy of its principles. He has kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but he has never had time nor inclination for office. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Winterset and he and his family are members of the Church of Christ. Theirs is an attractive home where good cheer reigns supreme, and its hospitality is enjoyed by their many friends. The influence of their lives has ever been for progress and advancement and their work on many occasions has been a direct benefit to city and county.

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#### CLEMENT GODBY.

Although a native of England, Clement Godby has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of his adopted land and there is no more public-spirited citizen in Madison county than he. He is operating a good farm on sections 1 and 2, Penn township, and derives a good income from his labors. He was born in Dover England, on the 30th of November, 1867, a son of Joseph and Jane (Graham) Godby, natives respectively of England and Scotland. While a young man the father resided in Canada for a number of years. He was an officer in the British army, remaining in the service until his demise, which occurred in January, 1904. He was survived for six years by his widow, who passed away in January, 1910.

Clement Godby was reared and educated in his native land but after leaving school he emigrated to the United States and for three or four years worked for others as a farm hand. He lived frugally and at the end of that time was in a position to rent land, which he operated for one year. He then bought eighty acres in Penn township, Madison county, Iowa, but seven years later sold that tract and purchased one hundred and forty-one acres on sections 1 and 2, Penn township. He immediately set about improving his place and has made it one of the well developed farms of his locality. His wife also owns ninety-six acres of land adjoining the town of Earlham. He is industrious and progressive and has the reputation of being a successful farmer.

Mr. Godby was married in September, 1893, to Miss Lilian L. Wilson, a daughter of Christopher and Martha (Newby) Wilson, more detailed mention of whose lives is given in the sketch of C. E. Wilson, which appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Godby have four children, Dorothy, Robert, Marjorie and Graham, aged respectively seventeen, fifteen, eight and three years.

Mr. Godby is a prohibitionist and does all in his power to overthrow the liquor traffic, believing it to be one of the greatest evils that exists today. He is a con-

sistent member of the Presbyterian church and contributes to the support of its work. His determination and sound judgment enable him to accomplish what he undertakes and his sterling integrity and willingness to do a kindness for another insure him of the respect and liking of his fellows.

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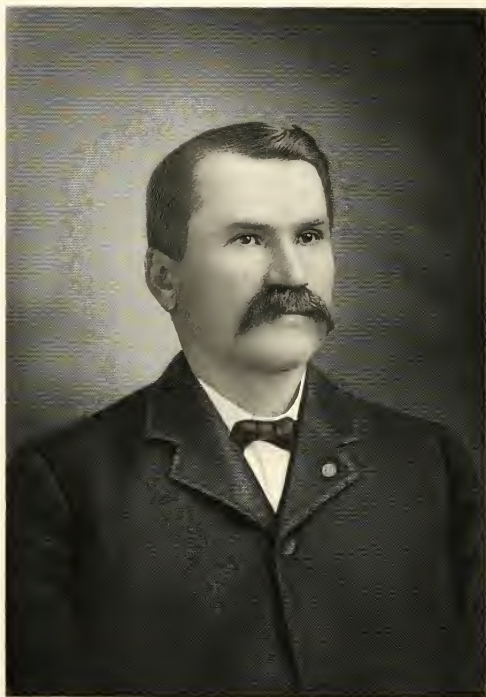
### JERRY M. WILSON.

Jerry M. Wilson, who was born in Canaan, Indiana, July 16, 1842, was killed by lightning on the 25th of June, 1910, while a resident of Madison county. His father, Robert Wilson, was born on a plantation in Kentucky in 1803. Following his marriage he liberated his slaves and went to Indiana, where he took up his abode about 1835, residing there upon a farm which he owned. In 1844, however, he came to Iowa, settling in Jefferson county, and in 1852 he made his way to Winterset and soon afterward took up his abode upon a farm in Lincoln township, Madison county. There he entered into partnership with M. Danner for the operation of a sawmill on Middle river and in 1857 he removed to Adair county, where he owned land and engaged in farming until his death in 1869. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Salyers, was born in Kentucky in 1805 and died in 1890. They were married in their native state.

Jerry M. Wilson was the eighth in order of birth in his father's family. He attended a school taught by William Kivett, one of the earliest settlers of Madison county, the schoolhouse being located on land which Mr. Wilson afterward owned. J. J. Hutchings was one of his teachers. He started out in the business world as a farm boy and was employed at farm labor and in a sawmill until the time of his enlistment for service in the Civil war. In 1862 he joined Company I of the Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and lost the forefinger on his left hand through dropping a loaded revolver which was accidentally discharged. After the war he returned to his home and during the succeeding winter again attended the district school, then taught by Octavia Lee. The following spring he started with ox teams and provisions for Pike's Peak and after disposing of the provisions he engaged in hauling logs to a sawmill and then in hauling lumber into Denver. He remained in that country, however, for but a short time. On the trips west and back he had to watch all of his stuff at night for fear of Indian raids. The white men traveled in large companies so as to protect themselves against the Indians.

At length Mr. Wilson returned home and the next spring began breaking prairie with ox teams for William Early. He led a most busy and active life and was willing to do any work that would yield him an honest living. At length he became the owner of some land which he fenced and built thereon a home. He continued breaking prairie and in the winter of 1868-9 hauled logs for James Bush from the sawmill on Middle river. He earned seven dollars per acre at breaking one hundred acres of brush land for Mr. Bush, and three dollars per acre for breaking prairie and in this way secured the money which enabled him to continue the improvement of his own farm. For many years he lived in Adair county and carried on general agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under





*J M Wilson*



*Laura M Wilson*





a high state of cultivation and adding to it many modern improvements. He became the largest cattle feeder of his community and always raised good stock. He was also a stockholder, one of the directors and one of the first presidents of the Macksburg National Bank. In business affairs he displayed sound judgment and unfaltering enterprise, formulated his plans carefully and carried them forward to successful completion. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his property until at one time he was the owner of thirteen hundred acres of land in Adair and Madison counties. He became one of the heaviest stockholders in the Winterset, Creston & Des Moines Railroad and after the company disbanded he was influential in effecting its reorganization. Of the first company he was the president and at the time of his death he was vice president of the new organization, called the Creston, Winterset & Des Moines Railroad. The Wilson family is largely responsible for the fact that a railroad has been extended into Macksburg.

In 1869 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Laura M. Darby, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, January 3, 1843, a daughter of John E. and Lucy A. (Tuttle) Darby, both of whom were natives of New York. The former was born at Catskill in 1815 and died in 1890, while the mother, who was born at Rochester, New York, in 1821, passed away in 1849. In his boyhood days Mr. Darby went to Ohio and afterward engaged in teaching school there. They lived in Holmes county when that was a new country and he became principal of the schools of Berlin. Attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, he came overland to Winterset in 1855 and was employed as a teacher in the schools of the town, he and his daughter Almira both teaching in an unfinished building here. In 1856 he removed with his family to Cedar Creek in Union township, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. About 1858 he removed to Penn township, where he entered land on section 16. At once he began to improve and develop that property and continued to reside there until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took a most active and helpful part in its work. He became a preacher of the denomination and rode the circuit when Adair county was a mission district. Later he actively entered the ministry and for two years had charge of a church at Adel and for two years at De Soto but still maintained his residence upon his farm in Penn township. In politics he was very active as a stalwart republican and was known as the "old war horse" in his district. In the early days he was an ardent abolitionist and his home was a station on the memorable underground railroad, over which many a runaway slave was transported to freedom in the north. While living in Ohio he held membership in the Masonic lodge but did not become identified with the craft in Iowa. Having lost his first wife, he married again in Ohio.

Mrs. Wilson was the third of the six children in the Darby family. She did not come to Iowa with her father and the other children but reached this state in 1860. She became a teacher in the early schools of the county and for ten years continued teaching, following that work even after her marriage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have always taken the keenest interest in the schools and their work in behalf of education has been far-reaching and beneficial. To them were born five children, as follows: Eugene, who is cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset and the present mayor of the town; Sibyl, the wife of E. B. Marsh, of Grand River township, by whom she has five children; Clarence, an

agriculturist of Adair county, who is married and has three children; Alice, who died in infancy; and Manie, who owns the old home.

In his political views Mr. Wilson was an earnest advocate of republican principles, active in the work of the party, and in 1899 he was elected from Adair county as representative of the district in the state legislature. He was a very progressive man, interested in the welfare and development of the community, and his cooperation could always be counted upon to further plans and projects for the public good. He became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1895. He had previously given the land upon which the church edifice was erected and he served as church steward. He also held local political offices, acting as township trustee, as assessor and as a member of the county board of supervisors for six years. While returning to his home from Macksburg he was struck by lightning and his life was thus ended. He had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him recognized in him the possession of many sterling traits of heart and mind. Wherever he was known he was held in high esteem and most of all where he was best known, and his many good qualities endeared him to those with whom he came in contact.

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#### CLARENCE R. GREEN.

The position of county auditor demands a man of business ability and unquestioned integrity and Clarence R. Green, the present incumbent of the office, is proving himself an admirable man for the place. He was born in Jewell county, Kansas, on the 12th of December, 1885, of the marriage of Ellyson and Lida (Boulton) Green. The father was born in West Virginia, but while still an infant was taken by his parents to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Later the family removed to Kewanee, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. His father was a cabinetmaker by trade. When eighteen years of age Ellyson Green went still farther west, settling in Jewell county, Kansas, where he was identified with agricultural interests until 1903. He then removed to this county and farmed for a year, after which he went to Shenandoah, Iowa, and entered the fire insurance business. He remained there for a year and then returned to Winterset, where he is conducting business along the same line. His wife was born in Louisa county, Iowa, and is also still living.

Clarence R. Green is the oldest in a family of four children and his education was that afforded by the district and high schools of Kansas. After his arrival in Iowa he served a five years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade and later worked at carpentering for a number of years. In 1910 he was made deputy county auditor under T. M. Scott and in 1912 was elected auditor on the republican ticket. He took office the 1st of January, 1913, and at the November election in 1914 his record was indorsed by reelection. He is methodical and accurate and is prompt in the discharge of his important duties.

Mr. Green married Miss Mary Newlon, a native of this county and a daughter of W. C. and Lydia (Philbrick) Newlon. Her father is deceased but her mother survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Green has been born a son, Willard N.

Mr. Green is a republican and is much interested in the success of his party. He is identified with the Masonic order and with the Modern Woodmen of America and in the former organization belongs to the blue lodge, the chapter and the Eastern Star. His religious allegiance is given to the Methodist church, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. Both can be depended upon to further movements seeking the moral advancement of their community and their upright lives are forces for good.

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### JONAS F. BROCK.

Sixty years have come and gone since Jonas F. Brock arrived in Madison county, casting in his lot with its pioneer settlers, and sixteen years have passed since he was called to his final rest, yet he is well remembered not only by the older settlers, but also by those of the later generation, who have known him as a trustworthy business man and a reliable, energetic citizen. At all times he held to high standards and those who were associated with him learned to respect and honor him because of his sterling worth and integrity of character. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, April 22, 1822, a son of Thomas Brock, who was probably a native of Maryland and became a pioneer of the Buckeye state. His wife died when their son Jonas F. was born.

In his boyhood days Jonas F. Brock learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until about 1847, when he went to Maysville, Kentucky, where he was engaged in the manufacture and sale of tombstones for about nine years. In 1855 he came to Iowa, traveling on the river to Savannah, Missouri, and thence by team to this county. He took up his abode in Winterset and there followed the shoemaker's trade until 1859. In 1862 he joined the Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged after the cessation of hostilities in 1865. He was taken prisoner at Allatoona, Georgia, and was confined in various southern prisons. Twice he effected his escape. The first time he was recaptured and on the second occasion he succeeded in making his way northward, although serious difficulties confronted him in this undertaking. After getting out of prison the second time he became ill with typhoid fever and he lay concealed in the woods while thus suffering, receiving only the care and attention that could be given him by some loyal negroes. As soon as he was able to travel he made his way home to Winterset. About that time the sheriff of Madison county died and Mr. Brock was appointed to fill out the unexpired term. He was afterward elected to the office and was reelected, serving altogether for about two and a half terms. In 1868, which was the last year of his service as sheriff, he purchased eighty acres of land in Lincoln township and upon his retirement from office he took up his abode upon that farm and continued to make it his home until his death. He added to his land from time to time as his financial resources permitted until he was the owner of two hundred and thirty-seven acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, adding to the place all of the equipments and accessories of the model farm of the twentieth century. His methods were at all times practical and progressive and the success he achieved was the merited reward of his persistent, earnest labor.

It was on the 30th of May, 1855, that Mr. Brock was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Housh, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, February 17, 1836, a daughter of William and Eleanor (Hiatt) Housh, natives of Virginia and Maryland respectively. Her paternal grandparents were both natives of Germany. Her parents spent their entire lives in Ohio, where they located in pioneer times, and Mr. Housh followed the occupation of farming. Mrs. Brock's girlhood was spent in the Buckeye state, where she lived up to the time of her marriage, and then she became one of the pioneer women of Madison county, where she has since made her home, witnessing many changes here as the work of development and progress has been carried steadily forward. To Mr. and Mrs. Brock were born five children: Harriett A., now the wife of William Hunter, of Earlham, Iowa; Eleanor, who became the wife of Le Roy Smith and died at the age of thirty-one years; William E., who passed away at the age of twenty-two years; Charlie, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Des Moines; and Frank B., who is sheriff of this county and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Brock held membership in the Methodist church, to which Mrs. Brock still belongs, and during the later part of his life he was one of its local preachers. He took a most active and helpful part in church work, doing everything in his power to advance the work of the church and extend its influence. He also held membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset, which he joined on its organization. His political indorsement was always given to the republican party from the time of its organization. He passed away February 20, 1899. He was feeble during the later years of his life and his wife looked after their business affairs. When almost seventy-seven years of age he passed away, respected and honored by all who knew him, for his life had been upright and his worth of character endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. Brock is now seventy-nine years of age, but is as active as most women at fifty. She is one of the prominent residents of Madison county, where she located sixty years ago, coming as a young wife to this section of the country. Great indeed have been the changes which time and man have wrought in the intervening period. Wild lands have been converted into productive farms, pioneer cabins have been replaced by substantial and attractive residences and every indication of pioneer life has long since passed away. Mrs. Brock has ever been an interested witness of the work of improvement and development and, like her husband, she has made her life count for good in this work of general improvement.

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#### JAMES G. GRAHAM.

James G. Graham, a representative and successful agriculturist of Madison county who has resided within its borders for nearly four decades, owns and operates a well improved farm embracing one hundred and three acres on section 17, Lincoln township. His birth occurred in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 13th of June, 1855, his parents being James and Harriet (Twiford) Graham, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state. James Graham was a wool finisher by trade and worked in the woolen mills of Indiana until 1877, when he came with his family

to Madison county, Iowa, settling on the farm which is now in the possession of our subject. A log house stood on the property and only slight improvements had been made, but as time passed the place was transformed into a valuable and productive farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. James Graham made their home thereon until they passed away. They had two children, H. C. and James G.

The latter, who was a young man of twenty-two years when he came with his parents to this county, has remained on the home farm in Lincoln township to the present time, the property being now in his possession. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his time and energies throughout his entire business career and in the work of the fields he has won a gratifying and well merited measure of success by reason of his practical, progressive methods and wisely directed industry. He has built a substantial, commodious residence and excellent barn and has long been numbered among the enterprising and prosperous citizens of the community.

Mr. Graham has been twice married. His first wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Clingenpeel and was a native of Indiana, passed away leaving four children, namely: George H., who is deceased; C. T., who is married and resides with his family in Carroll county, Indiana; Emanuel, who lives with his family in Indiana; and Elizabeth, deceased. For his second wife Mr. Graham chose Miss Cordelia Harrell, a native of Madison county, Iowa, and a daughter of John Harrell, an early settler of this county. To James G. and Cordelia (Harrell) Graham has been born one child, Zeller, who is at home.

Mr. Graham gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served in the capacity of school director for many years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He is widely known throughout Madison county as a progressive farmer and public spirited citizen and he commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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#### LACLEDE LOWE.

Laclede Lowe, who was for some time a successful merchant and who more recently has been engaged in farming in this county, is now living retired in Winterset. He is a native of Warren county, Illinois, born on St. Valentine's day in 1852, a son of John and Margaret (Reynolds) Lowe. The father was born in England, May 4, 1802, and was reared upon a farm in that country. When twenty-one years of age he crossed the Atlantic to Nova Scotia and subsequently made his way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Not long afterward he removed to Washington county, that state, where he was married in 1836. In 1843 he and his family made the voyage down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Oquawka, Illinois, and thence to Warren county, that state. He purchased land in Spring Grove township and farmed it until 1874, when he removed to Red Oak, Iowa, where he lived retired until his demise, which occurred in October, 1878. He owned a valuable farm and was successful in its operation. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. His wife was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in October, 1812, and was there reared and married. She became one of the pioneer women of Warren county, Illinois, and performed well her part in the development of that region. She passed away in January, 1866, when

fifty-four years of age, in the faith of the Disciples church, of which she had long been a devoted member.

Laclede Lowe is the youngest in a family of eight children who reached maturity and passed his boyhood under the parental roof, while his education was acquired in the district schools. When eighteen years of age he assumed charge of the work of the home farm and for four years operated the place. He then bought land and began its operation. He felt the need of a more liberal education, however, and sold some stock, which provided him with funds to attend Monmouth College. Upon leaving that school he began raising stock and also bought stock of others, which he fed and sold at a good profit. In 1882 he disposed of his farm and came to Winterset, where he engaged in the furniture business until 1905. On account of ill health he abandoned merchandising in that year and concentrated his attention upon the cultivation of his land. In 1883 he purchased a small farm near Winterset and he also owns two hundred and forty acres in Lincoln township. In 1914 he sold his stock and rented his farm and has since lived a life free from business cares. He proved successful as a furniture dealer and managed his agricultural interests so as to secure a gratifying addition to his annual income.

On the 1st of September, 1880, Mr. Lowe married Miss Laura Buchanan, who was born in West Virginia and reared there and in Marshall county, Illinois. Her demise occurred on the 29th of June, 1911, and her passing was the occasion of sincere regret to many. She was the mother of two children: Edna J., the wife of Fred Danforth, of Winterset; and Mardie, who is now Mrs. C. C. Crossley, of Harrisonville, Missouri.

Mr. Lowe is an independent republican with liberal tendencies and until 1912 was quite active in local political affairs, although he has never been a candidate for office. He was one of the organizers of the Madison County Bank and until quite recently was a director of that institution. In 1903 he was made secretary of the Business Men's Association of Winterset and he was the prime mover of the first good roads meeting in Madison county and is one of the leaders of the Good Roads Association, realizing fully the great importance of good highways in our modern complex civilization. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and Shrine. He has not spared himself in his efforts to advance the interests of his community along a number of different lines and the ease which he is now enjoying is richly deserved.

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#### JONATHAN ALLEN GORDON.

Jonathan Allen Gordon, an old settler of Lincoln township, is a native of Ripley county, Indiana, born June 14, 1845. His parents, Ervin W. and Sarah (Gordon) Gordon, were natives of Pennsylvania but at an early day in the history of the middle west removed to Indiana, whence they came to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here on the 15th of October, 1852, after driving across the country with three teams. They crossed the Mississippi river by ferry at Fort Madison. The family home was established in Lincoln township, where the father entered eight or nine hundred acres of government land. He improved



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his property and lived upon the farm for about twelve years, but at the end of that time, having accumulated a competence, he removed to Winterset, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1865. Two years later his wife also passed to the home beyond. Their children were six in number, namely: William, who died in this county; Samuel A., a veteran of the Union army, who died in Adair county; Martha Jane, the deceased wife of Moses A. Carmichael, who fought in the Civil war; John N., familiarly known as Newt, who resides in Winterset; Sarah Ann, deceased, who married John W. Price, who has also passed away; and Jonathan Allen.

The last named passed the days of his boyhood and youth as did most boys upon farms at that time, attending the common schools during the winter months and helping with the farm work. After completing the course offered in the common schools he became a student in the Winterset high school, from which he was graduated. On the 15th of August, 1862, when but seventeen years of age, he went to Davenport and joined his brother and brother-in-law, Samuel A. Gordon and Moses Carmichael, who had enlisted for service in the Civil war as members of Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. On the 1st of November he was permitted to join the company as he was a drummer and fifer and his services could be used to advantage. On the 17th of August of the following year he returned home on a furlough on account of sickness and not long afterward was honorably discharged. He remained at home and for four years was engaged in teaching school. In 1868, on the day after Grant's election as president, Mr. Gordon located on the tract of land which he has since cultivated. At that time it contained no buildings save a two room shanty. He enlarged the house, built a barn, set out a grove of evergreen trees and has from time to time added other improvements to the place. His wife owns eighty acres of good bottom land which she inherited from her father's estate.

On the 30th of September, 1865, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Kellogg, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, a daughter of Miles and Elizabeth (Smith) Kellogg, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. She is the only one of their nine children who survives. To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon six children were born: Emmett, who died in infancy; Elmer, a resident of this county, who married Mary Martin, by whom he has three children, Grace, Daisy and Mabel; Eleanor, who died in infancy; Edna, the wife of Otis Gilliland, of Douglas township, by whom she has a son, Cresley; Ellsworth, deceased, who married Rosa Holloway, by whom he had four children, Iris, Thelma and Elaine, who live with the subject of this review; while Clela makes her home with her maternal grandparents at Winterset; and Essie, who passed away when three years old.

Mr. Gordon has been a member of the First Christian church of Winterset for thirty years, and his life and influence have been factors in the moral development of his community. In his early manhood he voted the republican ticket but in later years has been a democrat. He is a member of J. A. Pitzer Post, No. 55, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and enjoys the association thus made possible with his comrades of the Union army. Practically all of his life has been passed in this county and as his memory is clear and exact his accounts of the early conditions here and the subsequent development are of great value to the generation of today, which finds it difficult to conceive of the county as other

than the prosperous and populous region that it is at the present time. The esteem and respect of his fellow citizens are accorded Mr. Gordon in full measure, and this high place in the estimation of those who have come in contact with him is richly deserved.

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#### ALFRED R. TATE.

Alfred R. Tate has been for many years actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county. He was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 13th of February, 1850, the youngest of a family of eleven children born to Lee and Sarah (Eberhart) Tate, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. The paternal grandparents were probably born in Scotland and the grandfather became a farmer of the Keystone state. His son, Lee Tate, also followed farming there until 1865, when he removed with his family to Oskaloosa, Iowa, and there cultivated land. He passed away in 1872, when about seventy years of age. He was a devout member of the Baptist church and an indefatigable student of the Bible, which he read through twenty-four times. The maternal grandfather, Adolph Eberhart, a native of Germany, was a glass blower by trade. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Sarah Phillip, was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of our subject was reared in Pennsylvania, where her marriage occurred, and passed away in Iowa in 1871, when sixty-six years of age.

Alfred R. Tate was reared at home and received his education in the district schools. In 1865 he took up his residence in Mahaska county, Iowa, where he was identified with farming until 1874. In that year he arrived in Madison county and bought eighty acres of raw land in Lincoln township, which he immediately began to improve and develop. From time to time he purchased additional land until he became the owner of two hundred and eighty acres, which he operated successfully until 1903. In that year he rented and removed to Winterset in order to give his children the advantages of the city schools. As they have all now received an excellent education he intends to remove to a farm of ninety-eight acres in Lincoln township which he has recently bought and which he is planning to operate himself. He is still renting his farm of two hundred and eighty acres. He is a progressive and efficient agriculturist and has found farming a very lucrative occupation and also a congenial one, as he values highly his independence and prefers an outdoor life.

On the 2d of November, 1880, Mr. Tate married Miss Artie Gee, who was born in Davis county, Iowa, of the marriage of William and Mary Elizabeth (Barkley) Gee. The father was a native of Missouri and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in the Union army. He passed away in an army hospital in 1862. His wife, who was a native of the north of Ireland, was brought to the United States by her parents when but a child of seven years. Following her marriage she became a resident of Davis county, Iowa, and after her husband's death she removed to Polk county, this state, where she became the wife of Wallace Wicks. Eventually she became a resident of Madison county, where she passed away on the 2d of June, 1909, when sixty-nine years of age. She was a consistent member

of the Church of Christ and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. Mrs. Tate, who is the only child born to her parents, was educated in Warren county, Iowa, and arrived in this county in 1879. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Ralph Arthur, a traveling salesman whose territory is in Canada; Edith, the wife of Charles Rhyno, of Lorimer, Iowa; Beth, who married W. J. Stephens, of Des Moines, Iowa; Helen, the wife of Phillip Sproul, of Des Moines; Gladys, who is attending Drake University; and Alfred Lee, at home.

Mr. Tate gives his political allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is identified with Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset, and with the chapter. He has achieved a large measure of material success and takes just pride in the fact that his prosperity is due entirely to his own work and wise management of his affairs. He possesses those qualities of self-reliance and initiative that are so highly regarded in this country and that have contributed so much to its unprecedented material development.

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### JOSEPH E. BRITTAIN.

Joseph E. Brittain, a farmer of Madison township, was born in Jefferson township, this county, on the 30th of January, 1885, a son of P. C. and Sarah (Cox) Brittain, natives of Missouri and Indiana respectively. The father was a successful agriculturist and removed to Madison county before the Civil war, here following his chosen occupation. In 1861 he placed the great need of the country above all private considerations and enlisted in Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, serving with his command until the close of the war. His record was one in all respects highly creditable to him and he participated in many hard fought battles. At the close of hostilities he returned to Madison county and bought land in Jefferson township, to the cultivation of which he devoted his time until 1902. He then sold that place and purchased one hundred and twenty-three acres of land on sections 10 and 11, Madison township, a well improved property, which he operated until his demise. He passed away on the 4th of November, 1909, and is survived by his widow, who is still living upon the home place.

Joseph E. Brittain was reared and educated in this county and has always remained under the parental roof. He and his father farmed in partnership until the latter's demise and since then our subject has assumed complete charge of the home farm. He also operates ninety-seven acres adjoining, which he owns individually. His effective methods and good business management insure his continued success as a farmer, and he is justly considered one of the most progressive and able agriculturists of the county.

Mr. Brittain married Miss Aley Jennings, the wedding being solemnized on the 4th of July, 1909. Her parents, Taylor and Elizabeth (Hunt) Jennings, were both born in Ohio but removed to Dallas county, Iowa, at an early day in the history of that part of the state. The father purchased land there, which he has cultivated for forty years. His wife is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain have a son, Clyde J., four years of age.

Mr. Brittain is a republican and is at present treasurer of the school fund, his fellow citizens having elected him to that position of trust. As a member of the Masonic order and as a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church his life conforms to high ethical standards and he is always ready to extend a helping hand to his fellowmen in need. He has won deserved success as an agriculturist and has found general farming and stock-raising more profitable than confining his efforts to one phase of agriculture. He raises thoroughbred Duroc Jersey hogs and has done not a little in improving the grade of hogs raised in his township. His prosperity is the result of the exercise of qualities that may be cultivated by all, such as close application to the work at hand, systematic management and unswerving integrity in all business dealings.

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### JOHN WESLEY LIKENS.

John Wesley Likens, who owns a general mercantile store in Truro and is president of the Truro Savings Bank, was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 2d of December, 1857. His parents, Levi and Susan (Bossler) Likens, were both natives of Blair county, Pennsylvania, and the father was born the 3d of January, 1823, of Dutch and Scotch descent, while the mother was of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and was born May 18, 1830. They were married in the Keystone state in December, 1850, and in 1852 removed to Scott county, Iowa, where the father purchased land and engaged in agriculture. In 1869 he sold his farm there and removed to Sheridan county, Missouri, where he bought land, which he cultivated until his demise, which took place on the 29th of March, 1902. Following his demise the mother removed to Truro and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Rankin. There were seven children in the family: Angeline, who was born on the 8th of November, 1851, is the widow of George Townsend and makes her home in Oklahoma. William Watson, born April 8, 1853, died on the 12th of April, 1854. Alberta Florence, born January 3, 1855, married Benjamin Rankin, who has passed away. She is now living in Truro, Iowa, and more detailed mention of her life is given elsewhere in this work. John Wesley, of this review, is the next in order of birth. Anderson, who was born on the 14th of November, 1861, is now living in Oakland, California. Laura May, born May 25, 1867, married Van Stephens and they are living in Flagg, Missouri. Ida Lulu, who was born October 6, 1873, gave her hand in marriage to Jesse O. Peek and they now reside in Oklahoma.

John Wesley Likens began his education in the district schools of Scott county, Iowa, and later attended high school in Davenport. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Missouri and engaged in farming until January 10, 1884, when he arrived in Old Peru, this county, and engaged in the mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Benjamin R. Rankin, under the firm name of Rankin & Likens. On the 15th of October, 1885, Mr. Likens came to Truro and established a general store here, which he has since conducted with gratifying success. One phase of his business that has proved especially profitable is the buying and selling of country produce and many of the farmers in the country tributary to Truro deal with him. In 1898 he founded a private bank in Truro,



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which he conducted as such until April, 1911, when it was reorganized as the Truro Savings Bank. He served as cashier of the institution until 1913, when he was elected president, which office he still holds. In 1904 he removed with his family to Des Moines in order to educate his daughters and is still living there. He owns a good residence property in that city and has made many friends there.

On the 6th of May, 1885, in Missouri, Mr. Likens married Miss Jessie Overholt, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of two daughters. Belle, who was born on the 6th of December, 1886, became the wife of P. W. McMartin and passed away on the 26th of October, 1909. Nola, whose birth occurred on the 21st of April, 1888, is at home with her parents in Des Moines. She was educated in the Des Moines high school and in Drake University.

Mr. Likens is a republican and takes a commendable interest in everything relating to public affairs but is not an office seeker. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Truro and he also holds membership in the Masonic blue lodge, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America of that place. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, belonging to the consistory and Shrine of Des Moines. He supervises the operation of the Truro Savings Bank, of which he is president, and the conduct of his general store in Truro and is one of the important factors in the commercial life of that city, although for the past eleven years he has resided in Des Moines. He holds a high place in the estimation of the people of Truro and there are many who value highly his friendship.

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#### THOMAS F. MARDIS.

Thomas F. Mardis, who passed away in 1908, was a prominent contractor of Winterset and erected many of the best buildings of the city. He was born in Ohio on the 19th of November, 1837, and was reared in New Comerstown, that state, where he attended the common schools and laid the foundation of his education, later becoming a student in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. He learned the mason's trade under his father and in 1857 removed to Washington county, Iowa, where he resided for a year or so, after which he became a resident of Osceola. He worked there for some time and saved money enough to enable him to attend college for two terms. He then taught school for a similar length of time in his alma mater, after which he returned to Osceola and again took up the mason's trade. In 1874 he arrived in Winterset and soon established himself as a contractor and mason, building up an enviable reputation for thorough, honest work. He erected many of the leading business blocks and also a number of fine residences and would not tolerate any but good workmanship from his employes. In all of his business dealings he was honorable and upright and he was ranked among the successful men of the city. He was active until a short time before his death, which occurred on the 7th of April, 1908.

On the 17th of October, 1860, Mr. Mardis married Miss Annie Clark, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, on the 28th of July, 1841, and in 1855 accompanied her parents on their removal to Iowa. She began her education in Illinois, continued it in Van Wert, Iowa, and supplemented the knowledge acquired in the common schools by attending the Osceola high school. To Mr. and Mrs. Mardis were born four children: John C., who is a leading contractor of Des Moines; Hattie, who married Fred Grout, of Richardson, North Dakota; Fred, who is engaged in the coal business in Winterset, and of whom mention is made on another page of this volume; and Anna, the wife of Charles Merrill, of Des Moines.

Mr. Mardis was a republican, his political views coinciding with the principles of that party. Fraternally he was a thirty-second degree Mason, becoming a member of Bellport Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M. at Osceola, in 1862. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was very popular not only in those organizations but among all of the residents of Winterset, his genial nature and large-heartedness winning him friends wherever he was known. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and no good cause ever appealed to him in vain.

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#### HENRY L. KAIL.

Henry L. Kail, who has lived retired in Earlham since December, 1897, was for a long period an active factor in agricultural circles of this county and won a measure of success that has enabled him to spend his declining years in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in June, 1832, his parents being Hiram and Mary (Leyde) Kail, who were natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. The father removed to Indiana in 1850 and seven years later to Illinois, where he followed farming until 1868, when he came to Iowa, purchasing a tract of land in Wayne county, which he cultivated for six years. On the expiration of that period he retired and took up his abode in Jackson township, Madison county, there continuing to reside until he passed away on the 10th of June, 1880. His wife had been called to her final rest on the 30th of May, 1871.

Henry L. Kail acquired his education in a log schoolhouse of his native county and remained with his parents until twenty-seven years of age. Subsequently he cultivated rented land in Illinois until 1862 and then enlisted for service with the Union army as a member of Company B, Seventh Illinois Cavalry, with which command he remained for three years, making a most creditable military record. When the country no longer needed his aid on the battlefield he returned to Illinois and purchased a farm in Shelby county, which he improved and operated for four years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and came to Iowa, buying a farm in Wayne county, which he operated for five years and then sold. In 1875 he came to Madison county and purchased and improved a farm of eighty acres in Penn township, which he operated until December, 1897, the careful conduct of his agricultural interests resulting in a



gratifying annual income. Eighteen years ago he retired and has since made his home in Earlham, owning an attractive and comfortable residence in the town.

On the 25th of December, 1858, Mr. Kail was united in marriage to Miss Nancy E. Brant, a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Jackson) Brant, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father removed to Indiana in 1850 and followed farming in that state until 1864, when he went to Illinois, there carrying on agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in Shelby county on the 8th of August, 1871, while his wife passed away on the 24th of May, 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Kail have been born nine children, as follows: Mary O., who is the wife of A. J. Evans and resides in Montana; Grant, who was formerly an agriculturist of this county and is now engaged in the automobile business at Lohrville, Calhoun county, Iowa; Margaret, who is the wife of J. H. Junkin, a retired agriculturist residing in Earlham; Rezin L., who passed away on the 13th of October, 1893; Emmett E., living at Twin Falls, Idaho; Henry L., who died on the 22d of May, 1899; Robert R., whose demise occurred in September, 1880; Myrtle Blanche, who gave her hand in marriage to B. N. Jewett, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Laura B., formerly a teacher in penmanship and art, who is now recorder in an insurance office of Des Moines.

Mr. Kail is a staunch republican in politics and has served as justice of the peace in Penn township for three years, while he has also been assessor of Earlham. For four years he acted as mayor of Earlham, giving the town a most beneficial administration characterized by many measures of reform and improvement. He still maintains pleasant relations with his soldier comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in religious faith is a Presbyterian, exemplifying the teachings of that church in his daily life. The period of his residence in Madison county now covers four decades, and his record is that of one of its prosperous, esteemed and valued citizens.

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#### PORTER ROLLSTIN.

Porter Rollstin was for many years actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits but at the time of his death was living retired in Winterset. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 22d of March, 1831, and was reared upon a farm in that county. Much time in his early years was given to the acquirement of a public-school education but he also received practical training in farm work, and when twenty-one years of age started out as a farmer for himself. For two years he resided in Winona, Minnesota; then was at home for a year; and in 1857 removed to Madison county, Iowa. Here he found work as a carpenter and also farmed. Carefully saving his money, he was at length enabled to buy land in Scott township, purchasing forty acres at a time until he had one hundred and twenty acres. He devoted the remainder of his active life to the operation of his farm and his labor and careful planning resulted in the production of excellent crops, the sale of which brought a good income. He also raised high grade stock and found that phase of his activity likewise profitable. In 1898 he removed to Winterset, living retired during the remainder of his life.

On the 1st of July, 1858, Mr. Rollstin was united in marriage with Miss Nancy J. Shields, a native of Marion county, Indiana, born September 16, 1843. Her parents, Robert and Elizabeth (Heizer) Shields, were born respectively in Pennsylvania and Indiana. In 1855 the family journeyed overland to Iowa, their household goods being transported in wagons drawn by horses. They established their home in Union township, Madison county, where the father bought two hundred and twenty acres of land, partly improved. Subsequently he sold out and removed to Washington county, Kansas, where both he and his wife passed their remaining days. He died at the age of seventy-three and she passed away when sixty-five years old. Mrs. Rollstin was about eleven years old when she accompanied her parents to this county and has since resided here. She became the mother of ten children, four of whom died in infancy, the others being: Capitola, the widow of J. N. Holmes, of Winterset; Sherman, who is operating a cement plant in Longmont, Colorado; Ella, the wife of U. S. Woodward, a farmer of this county; Belle, who gave her hand in marriage to F. G. Martin, who is following agricultural pursuits here; Junetta, who married F. G. Martin and passed away at the age of twenty-six years; and Myrtle, who became the wife of H. C. Litton and passed away when thirty-two years of age.

Mr. Rollstin was an adherent of the republican party and took that interest in public affairs which is incumbent upon a good citizen. He was a member of the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served until June, 1865, being often under fire and proving at all times a brave and loyal soldier. He was with the Eastern Army and accompanied Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. Mr. Rollstin's life was characterized by that energy and aggressiveness which we think of as typically American and his labors brought him a competence. He died on the 20th of December, 1913. His widow owns a good home and is in comfortable financial circumstances. She is still hale and hearty and quite active and is honored as one who has performed well her share in the work of the world and has used her influence for right and justice.

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#### CHARLES EVERETT HOWELL.

Charles Everett Howell, an enterprising farmer and stockman of Douglas township, was born in Jefferson township, near the Union Chapel, on the 16th of February, 1874, a son of Lanson and Elizabeth (Hughart) Howell. The father was a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, born September 23, 1847, and the mother was born in Kentucky. When but two years of age the father was brought by his parents in an emigrant wagon to Warren county, Iowa. In 1849 the grandfather, Aaron Howell, came with his family to Madison county, buying land from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. He was an industrious and capable man and at the time of his death owned twenty-five hundred acres, from which he derived a handsome income. There were four sons in his family: Emerson, who served in the Civil war as a member of Company C,

Forty-eighth Iowa Infantry; Lanson; Nelson, whose death occurred October 10, 1908, in Lee township, Madison county; and Wilson, who died in infancy.

Lanson Howell gained his early education by attending the district school taught by Sarah Gamble. The term was short, the building crude in its appointments and the curriculum was limited, but that school and others like it were an indomitable force in the development of the intellectual life of the state in pioneer times. When Lanson Howell was twenty-one years of age he began farming in Lee township, but as his wife died and his father was stricken blind he returned to the homestead and has lived there continuously to the present time. He has been a heavy feeder of stock and is known as a prosperous stockman. He owns eighteen hundred and thirty acres of land in this county and four hundred and thirty in Warren county, being one of the most extensive land owners in the community. His interests also connect him with financial affairs as he is a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Winterset. He has held all of the township offices but has not cared to take an active part in a wider political field. He considers religious work of paramount importance and is an active member of the Methodist church and is assisting substantially in building the new church of that denomination at Patterson, Iowa. His first wife passed away October 19, 1877, and Charles E. is the only surviving child of that marriage. His sister Ollie died in infancy. The father married a second time and has a number of children by that union.

Charles E. Howell became a student in the district schools at the usual age and after completing his elementary and secondary education entered Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa. He took an active part in college affairs and for one year played upon the varsity football team. When he had attained his majority he began farming near Patterson and lived there for six years. However, on the 18th of February, 1901, he purchased three hundred and forty-seven acres of fine land in Douglas township and removed to his newly acquired property. Although he was compelled to go in debt to buy his farm he soon paid off all of his obligations and is ranked among the well-to-do men in his locality. He has bought other land from time to time and now owns six hundred and ninety acres in this county and one hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. The stock business has seemed to him to offer unusual opportunities and he feeds from three hundred to five hundred head of cattle a year, the sale of which nets him a good profit. The buying, feeding and selling of cattle demands practically the whole of his time but he has not neglected any of the duties devolving upon him in connection with public affairs. He is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Winterset and is well known in financial circles of the county. His gratifying success is the reward of his own efforts and business acumen and in all of his dealings he has observed the rules of business honor and integrity. His home is supplied with modern conveniences and is a true index of the progressive spirit of its owner.

On the 30th of January, 1895, Mr. Howell married Miss Sadie Lovelace, who was born near Patterson, a daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (Glosser) Lovelace, both natives of Hocking county, Ohio. Her father, who was born on the 9th of December, 1846, was a farmer in his early life and in the '50s made the overland journey from Pennsylvania to Iowa. While living in this county he was for some time a preacher in the United Brethren church and after remov-

ing to Montgomery county was stationed at Grant City. He passed away November 21, 1891. His wife was born on the 16th of February, 1837, and is now residing with Mrs. L. T. Fogler on a farm near Patterson. The Glosser family were early settlers of Madison county and were honored by those who knew them. Mrs. Howell is the only child born to her parents and by her marriage has seven children: Hazel, who was born December 5, 1895, and is at home; Lanson Orville, who was born in 1897, and is assisting his father with the farm work; Mardacie, born February 6, 1899; Garland Claire, born December 23, 1903; Clarence Everett, born September 24, 1904; Blanche M., born August 4, 1906; and Charles Aaron, born January 14, 1910.

Mrs. Howell is a member and an able worker in the West Star Methodist Episcopal church of Douglas township. Mr. Howell joined the Masonic order at Pitzer and held office in the lodge at that place. The room in which the meetings were held burned and the lodge is now extinct but Mr. Howell is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset. He is also a member of Lebanon Chapter, R. A. M., and belongs to Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, and to Za-Ga-Zig Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Des Moines, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite. His political adherence is given to the democratic party and he has held a number of local offices, being at present township trustee. His father is known as one of the foremost residents of this county and Mr. Howell of this review has proved worthy of his parentage, there being no better known or more highly esteemed man in the county than he.

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#### MRS. MARY K. BONINE.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Mary K. Bonine has been operating a farm on section 13, Madison township, with the assistance of her son, and she has proved herself an able business woman. She was born in Delaware county, Indiana, April 9, 1843, a daughter of Nathan P. and Elizabeth (Norris) Goff, natives respectively of West Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Goff, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Indiana in the early days of that state and there cultivated land until 1864, when he and his family became residents of Madison county, Iowa. He purchased land in Jefferson township but subsequently removed to Douglas township, where he farmed for many years. At length he was enabled to retire and passed his declining years with his children. His death occurred in February, 1900, and his wife died on the 16th of August, 1894.

Mary K. Goff was reared and acquired her education in the Hoosier state. When eighteen years of age, or on the 10th of August, 1861, she became the wife of Joseph D. Simmons, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dungan) Simmons. The father followed agricultural pursuits and Joseph D. Simmons was early trained in the work of the farm. He and his bride came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1864 with her parents and Mr. Simmons operated land given him by his father-in-law for twelve years. He then sold it and removed with his family to De Soto, Dallas county, this state, where he worked at his trades, being a carpenter, stone-mason and also a plasterer, and known as a thorough and painstaking





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workman. He met death by accident in De Soto on the 3d of February, 1877. During the Civil war Mr. Simmons manifested his patriotism by trying to enlist in an Indiana regiment in 1861 but was refused on account of impaired hearing, caused by scarlet fever. Later, however, he was drafted and faithfully served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Indianapolis, Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were born seven children: Florence, whose birth occurred in Indiana, July 3, 1863, and who died on the 4th of July, 1864; a son, born December 2, 1864, who died in infancy; Amanda J., born May 12, 1866; William E., who was born August 23, 1868, and is living in Colorado; Nathan E., whose birth occurred on the 16th of December, 1871, and who is assisting his mother in the operation of her farm; Lydia O., born April 6, 1873; and Mattie J., born April 19, 1877.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Simmons removed to Madison township and made her home with her parents until the 24th of April, 1884, when she was again married, her second husband being Thomas E. Bonine, a son of Thomas and Martha (Talbert) Bonine, both natives of Indiana. Thomas E. Bonine was born in Hendricks county, that state, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Madison county, Iowa. He became the owner of eighty acres of land on section 13, Madison township, which he developed and operated until his death, which occurred on the 15th of October, 1909.

Since his demise Mrs. Bonine has operated the farm with the assistance of her son and everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. They raise high grade Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle as well as the usual grains and derive a gratifying income from their agricultural interests. The son, Nathan E. Simmons, is a republican and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. His fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to which his mother also belongs. Mrs. Bonine has resided in this county for many years and her circle of friends is only limited by her circle of acquaintances.

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#### ROBERT B. TERRILL.

Robert B. Terrill & Son are proprietors of one of the leading general stores of Winterset, where Robert B. Terrill has been actively engaged in business for many years. He is a native of Newtown, Connecticut, born September 6, 1852, and there his boyhood days were spent. He received his education in the public schools, thus preparing himself for the duties of life. In January, 1879, when twenty-six years of age, he came to Winterset and formed a partnership with his brothers, L. B. and M. B. Terrill, for the conduct of a dry-goods and shoe store. They located on the north side of the square and soon gained a place in the business life of the town. After two years M. B. Terrill sold his interest to his brothers, who continued to conduct the store for a year or so, at the end of which time our subject purchased his brother's interest and managed the business alone for some time. At length, however, he sold a half interest to E. W. Jones and was associated with him for five or six years. At the end of that time Mr.

Terrill sold out his interest to Mr. Graham and for about six months was not actively engaged in any business. At the end of that time he associated himself with Tidrick Brothers, the firm becoming the Tidrick-Terrill Company, and that connection was maintained until May, 1914. At that time H. G. Tidrick took charge of the furniture and undertaking part of the business and Mr. Terrill and son, M. T., became owners of the grocery, dry-goods and meat market. He studies carefully the needs of his patrons and seeks to carry stock in the various branches of his business that will meet their needs. He has an excellent trade and his reliable business methods insure him the continuance of custom when it is once gained. In the rear part of his store he conducts a creamery and makes the butter which he sells.

On the 15th of September, 1883, Mr. Terrill was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Tidrick, a native of Winterset and a daughter of M. R. and Mary A. Tidrick, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill have seven children: Mortimer T., who graduated in civil engineering and is now in business with his father; Levi M., who is Kentucky state students' secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association and is located at Lexington; Bernice F., who graduated from the Winterset high school and subsequently was for a year a student of Columbia University and is now teaching in Madison county; Gertrude, likewise a teacher in this county; Charles F., a high-school student; and Eugene and Lanning, both at home.

Mr. Terrill is a republican but has been too busy with his mercantile interests to take an active part in political affairs. Fraternally he is a member of the Maccabees, and both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, in which he has been trustee for several years. He is highly respected in the business world of Winterset and is known as a merchant who is at all times ready to aid in any way possible in the commercial expansion of his city. As a man and as a citizen he has always lived up to high ideals and fully deserves the high place in his fellow citizens' estimation that is accorded him.

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#### GEORGE K. FOSTER.

George K. Foster, who for many years was successfully engaged in the operation of a good farm in Monroe township, was born in Ohio on the 4th of April, 1831. Detailed mention of his parents will be found in the sketch of John C. Foster, which appears elsewhere in this work. When seventeen years of age George K. Foster went to Massillon, Ohio, and there learned the carpenter's and cabinetmaker's trades. In 1852 he went to California by the water route and was for fourteen years employed at his trade in the Golden state. His parents were getting advanced in years and needed someone to care for them and to carry on the work of the farm in Madison county, Iowa, upon which they had settled in 1855. He therefore returned east and took up his residence with them and during their remaining years served them as a dutiful son and operated the farm. After they passed away the land came into his possession and he continued to reside thereon until he too was called to his reward on the 20th of January, 1886. He did general farming and stock-raising but also found time to work at

his trade and was for ten years a foreman in the employ of the county, superintending the construction of bridges.

In 1870 Mr. Foster married Miss S. C. Ward, who was born in Ohio on the 16th of August, 1844, a daughter of J. S. and M. M. Ward, natives of Ohio, who in 1860 located in Story county, Iowa. In 1867 they settled in Scott township, Madison county, and here the father died on the 16th of March, 1888, when over seventy years of age, his birth having occurred on the 27th of December, 1817. The mother, who was born on the 9th of August, 1819, is still living in Kansas at the remarkable age of ninety-five years. Mrs. Foster was given a common and high-school education, attending school at Story City and Nevada, Iowa, and for eight years taught school. After her family removed to Madison county she returned to Story county and taught school for three years. To Mr. and Mrs. Foster were born three children: Oscar and Iver W., both of whom died in young manhood, the former in Winterset and the latter upon the farm; and Melvin, who is operating the homestead in Monroe township. He married Miss Edna Orr, extended mention of whose parents is made elsewhere in this work. She is the mother of a son, George, who is named after both his grandfathers.

Mr. Foster supported the republican party in his political views but was content that others should hold public office, believing that the care of his private interests demanded his entire time. He made many friends in this county and his demise was sincerely regretted. His widow has resided in Winterset for the last eight years, but has recently purchased the John C. Foster farm, to which she intends to move in the spring of 1915. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, and her character is one which inspires both respect and warm personal regard.

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#### A. J. JONES.

A. J. Jones, who now owns and cultivates two hundred and ninety-one acres of rich and productive land on section 28, Scott township, has continuously resided on his present farm for the past half century. His birth occurred in Menard county, Illinois, January 22, 1862, his parents being John T. and Harriet Jones, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of B. F. Jones, brother of our subject. On the 11th of October, 1864, they came to Madison county, Iowa, and took up their abode on the farm which has since remained the home of Mr. Jones of this review, who was then but two years old. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he purchased the old homestead place in association with his brother, B. F., in partnership with whom he cultivated the property for many years. In 1893, however, he bought his brother's interest and now owns two hundred and ninety-one acres of valuable land which he cultivates with excellent results, the well tilled fields annually yielding bounteous harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He erected his residence, which is the third dwelling to be built on the farm, and also has commodious and substantial out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock.

In 1885, in this county, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Catherine Beem, a native of Madison county and a daughter of William and Amanda Beem. To them have been born five children, as follows: Bertha, at home; Lloyd F., living on his father's farm, who wedded Miss Margaret Pickens and has one child, Garnita; Loren D. and Raymond A., both at home; and one, who died in infancy.

Mr. Jones exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party and has acted in the capacity of township trustee for six years, while for a similar period he has served as a member of the board of supervisors, ably discharging his duties in those connections. In religious faith his wife is a Baptist, belonging to the local church of that denomination. He is a man of cordial, genial disposition who easily wins and retains friends and has long been numbered among the prosperous agriculturists and representative citizens of the county.

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#### CHESTER L. DICKINSON, M. D.

Dr. Chester L. Dickinson, a well known retired physician of Winterset, was born near Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 30th of March, 1849, a son of Morgan L. and Balinda (Ackley) Dickinson, both natives of Pulaski, New York, where their marriage was solemnized. They became residents of Indiana in an early day in the history of the state and the father farmed there until his demise, which occurred in 1853. The mother subsequently came to Iowa and was residing in Ringgold county when she passed away at the age of eighty years.

Dr. Dickinson was the youngest in a family of five children and passed his boyhood days upon the home farm. On the 27th of March, 1864, he enlisted in Company I, Sixth Michigan Heavy Artillery, at Coldwater, Michigan, and as a private served until the close of the war, being discharged on the 9th of September, 1865, in Detroit, Michigan. He was in the Department of the Gulf and participated in twenty-three engagements, including Hudson, Vicksburg, New Orleans and Fort Gaines. Although often in the thickest of the fight he was never wounded nor taken prisoner. During part of his enlistment he was on detached service as nurse in a hospital at New Orleans. He lacked a few days of being fifteen years of age when he enlisted but gave his age as eighteen and wrote over eighteen on a slip of paper which he placed in his shoe, and as he was quite large for his age he was accepted.

After the close of the war Dr. Dickinson went to Steuben county, Indiana, and continued his interrupted education, becoming a student in the public schools. He later entered the Northeastern Indiana Institute and after leaving that institution received his medical education in what is now De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, which was then known as Asbury University, remaining there for two and a half years. While attending school he alternated his study with the work of teaching, thus acquiring the funds to pursue his education. In all he taught seven or eight terms in Indiana, proving very successful in that profession. After leaving school he spent two years at Orland, Indiana, and then came to Iowa, taking a commercial course at Ottumwa. He next located in

Des Moines, where he practiced for four years, after which he removed to Winterset, where he followed his profession for two years. He then removed to Macksberg and became known as an able practitioner of that town. In 1903 ill health forced him to retire and he has since lived in Winterset.

On the 22d of March, 1885, Dr. Dickinson married Miss Fannie V. Roby, a native of this county, who passed away on the 24th of December, 1904, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was a member. Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson became the parents of four children: Ora R., who was run over by a train when twenty years of age; Louis L., who graduated from the Shenandoah (Ia.) College and is now upon a ranch near Miles City, Montana; Flossie M., who is with her brother Louis L.; and Mamie A., who died in 1912 when fourteen years old.

The Doctor is a republican but has never desired to hold office, believing that his professional work should receive his entire attention. He is a prominent member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and has been very active in the work of that organization, especially in the Sunday school. He was secretary of the first Sunday-school convention held in this county, in 1874 or 1875, and has had much to do with the subsequent organization and development of Sunday-school work here. He is a member of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R.; has always taken a great interest in that organization and has held various offices in the same. At the state encampment held at Des Moines in 1913 he was the youngest of the eight thousand veterans present. While in active practice he was recognized as a well equipped and successful physician, and his many patients had full confidence in his ability, as did his colleagues in the profession as well.

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### JOHN C. MARDIS.

John C. Mardis, of Des Moines, is one of the best known contractors of Iowa, his business having reached extensive proportions. He was born September 9, 1861, in Osceola, this state, a son of Thomas F. Mardis, mentioned elsewhere in this work. He was but a small boy when the family removed to Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, where he was educated and then began learning the mason's trade under the direction of his father, who was a practical and prominent contractor of Winterset. He mastered the business and worked with his father until 1884, when, seeking a broader field of labor offered in a larger city, he removed to Des Moines and here engaged in the contracting business, forming a partnership with James Robinson that continued until 1890. He was afterward alone until 1895, when he formed a partnership with J. B. McGarrick and the extended scope of their operations included contract paving work as well as building. They built the Sixth avenue bridge in Des Moines and took many other important contracts. In 1904 they dissolved the partnership and in 1905 Mr. Mardis removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, in order to execute some big contracts which had been awarded him there. He erected the state farm buildings and state university buildings at Lincoln, also the building of the H. P. Lowe wholesale grocery firm. In May, 1905, he went to Omaha, where he also erected many large buildings,

including the Henshaw and Rome Hotels, and the Paxton & Gallagher wholesale grocery house, which was erected at a cost of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. He also built the M. E. Smith building at a cost of five hundred and ten thousand dollars and many other of the larger structures of that city. While a resident of Omaha and of Lincoln he still retained his office in Des Moines and did much work throughout Iowa. In 1912 he returned to Des Moines, where he makes his headquarters, but also has an office in Cedar Rapids and in Omaha, Nebraska. He has erected many of the largest buildings of Des Moines, Cedar Rapids and other cities of the state. He was awarded the contract for the Silverburg building of ten stories in Des Moines, the Masohic Temple, the Wilkins Brothers building and in fact has erected fully two-thirds of the largest business blocks of the city. Throughout the middle west his name is well known as a contractor and builder and the nature and volume of his building operations places him as one of the foremost contractors of Iowa, with few equals and no superiors.

On the 6th of December, 1888, Mr. Mardis was married to Miss Nellie Ratliff, who was born in Winterset, a daughter of D. G. Ratliff, who was a prominent pioneer of Winterset and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Mardis died in 1890, leaving a son, John R., who was born January 18, 1890, and died April 11, 1912. On the 19th of January, 1893, Mr. Mardis was again married, his second union being with Miss Beatrice Ratliff, who was born in Winterset, March 12, 1872, and is a sister of his first wife. They have two children: Homer, born July 22, 1895; and Mary E., December 12, 1899.

Mr. Mardis is a Knight Templar and consistory Mason and also holds membership with the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a republican, stalwart in his advocacy of the party, yet not an office seeker. His attention has been given to his business affairs, which have been of growing importance since he started out independently. It is a trite saying that there is always room at the top, but a real comprehension of this fact would lead many a man to put forth more strenuous effort. It is those who do realize the opportunity and work toward the goal who accomplish great things. Prompted by a laudable ambition and manifesting at every stage in his career unfaltering industry and determination Mr. Mardis has gained the enviable place which he occupies as one of the most prominent contractors of Iowa.

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#### G. D. JACKSON.

G. D. Jackson, residing on section 18, Madison township, is a progressive young agriculturist and worthy native son of this county and the proprietor of the Maple Lawn Farm. His birth occurred in Penn township on the 9th of December, 1887, his parents being Charles C. and Julia (Courtney) Jackson, the former a native of Warren county, Iowa, and the latter of Indiana. Charles C. Jackson was reared in the county of his nativity and remained with his parents on the home farm until about 1879, when he drove across the country to Madison county, arriving here with practically nothing save a team of horses. He cultivated rented land in Penn township for several years and eventually purchased



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES C. JACKSON AND SON





an eighty-acre tract on section 18, Madison township, beginning its improvement. As the years passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase from time to time until he now owns four hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land, constituting one of the finest farms in the county. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to live stock, feeding about one hundred head of cattle annually. In connection with his brothers he is the owner of one of the most remarkable barns of Madison county, it being eighty by thirty-seven feet in dimensions and built entirely of brick. It is used exclusively for feeding cattle. Charles C. Jackson's property is known as the North Branch Stock Farm and in its operation he has gained a measure of prosperity that has won him recognition among the substantial and representative agriculturists of the community. The period of his residence in this county covers more than a third of a century and he enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

G. D. Jackson acquired his early education in the district schools of this county and continued his studies in Earlham Academy. On attaining his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, beginning the operation of a tract of twenty-five acres adjoining his father's farm. In fact, he and his father conduct their interests in partnership. Mr. Jackson has improved his property to a considerable extent, having recently expended four thousand dollars in remodeling his barn. His undertakings have been attended with a gratifying and well merited measure of success and he is widely recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising young agriculturists of his native county.

On the 7th of May, 1913, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Peterson, a daughter of Hans and Rena (Peterson) Peterson, both of whom were born in Denmark. Her father carried on farming in his native country until twenty-eight years of age and then emigrated to the United States, making his way direct to Iowa and locating at Kellogg, Jasper county, where he remained until 1890. In that year he came to Madison county and was here employed in the quarry of the Earlham Land Company during the next twelve years. On the expiration of that period he again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and has since been identified therewith, now operating the Thomas Cochran place in Madison township.

In politics Mr. Jackson is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed and they are popular in the younger social set.

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#### REUBEN S. ORRIS.

Reuben S. Orris, one of the highly esteemed and retired farmers of Winter-set, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of March, 1839, the fifth in a family of twelve children born to Henry and Phoebe (Shull) Orris, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1807 and passed away on the 1st of February, 1880, while the birth of the mother occurred in 1809 and her

demise on the 12th of April, 1889, when she was about eighty years of age. Henry Orris learned the shoemaker's trade in his youth and also became familiar with agricultural pursuits. In 1851 he removed from Pennsylvania to Louisa county, Iowa, where he entered land and erected a log house. Conditions were quite primitive there at the time of his arrival but he set himself resolutely to the task of developing his farm and became in time the owner of a valuable property. He passed away there in the faith of the Congregational church, of which he was a member.

Reuben S. Orris was a student in the early subscription and public schools of Louisa county and thus acquired a knowledge of the fundamental branches of learning. When sixteen years of age he became an apprentice in a wagon and carriage shop and followed that trade until August, 1861, when he answered the call of the president for volunteers and became a member of Company C, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The command rendezvoused at Davenport and was first under fire in Missouri, where they took part in the campaign against General Price. The regiment was then assigned to General Grant's army and participated in the battles of Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing. Mr. Orris was taken prisoner on the 6th of April, 1862, and was not exchanged for nearly a year, or until February, 1863. Following his exchange he was successively at Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee; Mobile, Alabama, and Macon, Georgia. In February, 1863, he rejoined his regiment and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Blackwater and both the sieges of Jackson. He was then sent to Gunnison and was on scout and skirmish duty until 1864. He next participated in the raid against Memphis and saw service in and around New Orleans. He was mustered out on the 6th of May, 1866, as second sergeant of his company. He returned to Louisa county, Iowa, but later removed to Washington county, where he farmed until 1876, when he took up his residence in Union county. In the spring of 1883 he removed to Webster township, Madison county, and became known as one of the prosperous and able farmers of that township. For the last ten years he has lived retired in Winterset, enjoying the fruits of his former labor.

In 1868 Mr. Orris was married, Miss Olive Boden, a native of Des Moines county, becoming his wife. She was born on the 8th of April, 1849, of the marriage of Thomas and Maria (Riggs) Boden, both natives of Virginia, the former born in 1812 and the latter on the 12th of February, 1819. They removed to Iowa from Ohio in 1845, traveling by water to Burlington, and from there overland to their destination in Des Moines county. The land which they entered had never been touched by the plow and the first task was to break it with ox teams. There were but few settlers and all of the hardships of pioneer life had to be endured. However, the settler fond of hunting found every opportunity to gratify his love of sport, as all kinds of game abounded. In 1858 the family removed to Washington county, where Mr. Boden passed away in 1876 and Mrs. Boden in 1895. They were the parents of five children, of whom Mrs. Orris is the fifth in order of birth. She has become the mother of four children: Mrs. C. E. Hircock; Samantha, the widow of Benjamin Morley, of Bayfield, Colorado, by whom she has a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Olive; Mary, at home; and Dewey H., of Red Oak, who is married and has two children, Lloyd and Cecil.

Mr. Orris is identified with the republican party and his fraternal relations are with Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., at Winterset. The willingness to place

the public good above private considerations, which he displayed when as a young man he joined the Union army, has been characteristic of him throughout his entire life, and he has cooperated in all movements for the advancement of his community.

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### S. T. GOLIGHTLY.

Agriculture is the source of a great part of the wealth of Madison county and she is justly proud of her intelligent, efficient and progressive farmers, among whom is numbered S. T. Golightly. He was born in Illinois on the 10th of October, 1867, a son of Shands and Caroline (Freeman) Golightly, the former born in Tennessee and the latter in Illinois. The father followed the occupation of farming and many years ago removed to Illinois, where he cultivated land until 1872. He then went to Kansas and bought a farm, which he operated until his death, in 1885. He had survived his wife for ten years, as she passed away in 1875.

S. T. Golightly was but five years of age when the family took up their residence in Kansas and he grew to manhood in the Sunflower state. At the usual age he entered the public schools and passed from grade to grade, acquiring an education that fitted him for the later duties of life. After putting aside his textbooks he gave his whole attention to assisting with the work of the home farm, remaining with his parents until they were called to their last rest. He then hired out to others as a farm hand and was so occupied until he was twenty-eight years of age. He then removed to Polk county, Iowa, where he farmed for one year. In 1896 he arrived in Madison county and for five years he rented land, carefully saving as much as possible from his yearly income, as he wished to become a landowner. At the end of that time his ambition was realized and he purchased his father-in-law's farm in Polk county, but after operating that place for one year he sold it and returned to Madison county, buying land in Jackson township. He followed agricultural pursuits there until 1911, when he sold out and purchased land in Union township. Three years later he sold that place and in March, 1914, became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, Madison township, the buildings being on section 10. His farm is one of the best developed and most completely equipped places in the county, and he is not only maintaining its high standards, but also adding still further improvements. His activities are not confined to the cultivation of the fields, as he raises and feeds three hundred head of hogs and sheep per year, finding his agricultural interests especially profitable.

Mr. Golightly and Miss Minnie Groth were married on the 28th of May, 1895. She is a daughter of Harder and Caroline (Schneider) Groth, both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America. For the first three years after her father's arrival in this country he lived at Davenport, Iowa, and then removed to Polk county, where he purchased land, which he operated during the remainder of his life. He passed away in 1902, having survived his wife since 1900. She had located in Des Moines on coming to this country. Mr. and Mrs. Golightly have seven children, namely: Eva, who is attending Earlham Academy; John, like-

wise a student in that school; Jerome, attending the district schools; Elma, Lloyd and Albert, all attending school; and Erma, who completes the family.

Mr. Golightly exercises his right of franchise in support of the candidates and policies of the republican party, being fully convinced of the soundness of its principles. He is a valued member of the local Methodist Episcopal church and can be counted upon to further its work in any way possible. The success that he has achieved in his chosen occupation is the result of his industry, foresight and progressiveness, qualities which anyone may emulate and which invariably bring their reward.

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#### HON. ELIAS R. ZELLER.

Hon. Elias R. Zeller, of Winterset, has been prominently known as an educator and journalist of Madison county and also as a political leader. Through individual activity as well as through the columns of his paper he has done much to shape public thought and action and has left the impress of his individuality for good upon many lines of improvement.

He was born near Hamilton, in Butler county, Ohio, September 13, 1844, and comes of German ancestry. His parents were John and Susan (Kumler) Zeller, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The former became a farmer and carpenter and was also a local preacher of the United Brethren church. He met with a fair measure of success in life and passed away in 1857 at the age of sixty years. His wife was also a native of Pennsylvania, as were her parents, but the family comes of German ancestry. Her father, Henry Kumler, was one of the first bishops of the United Brethren church in America. Mrs. Zeller passed away at the advanced age of seventy-five years. In the family were eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Five of the sons reached adult age and all served in Ohio regiments during the Civil war, valiantly defending the Union.

Elias R. Zeller was reared upon the home farm in Ohio and acquired his education in the district schools. He was twenty years of age when, in 1864, he responded to the country's call for further aid in crushing out the rebellion in the south and joined Company K, One Hundred and Sixty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days. He spent the period of his enlistment in Virginia and took part in several skirmishes. Following his military experience Mr. Zeller engaged in farming on the old homestead, which was sold in 1867. It was subsequent to that time that he entered the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, from which he was graduated in the class of 1871, while in 1887 he received a post-graduate degree. Entering the field of journalism, he became publisher of the Oxford Citizen at Oxford, Ohio, and following his removal to Iowa was city editor of the Burlington Gazette. He afterward published the Eldora Herald and eventually became owner and editor of the Winterset Madisonian. He has also been correspondent for the Chicago Times and other metropolitan papers.

In the meantime he became a prominent figure in educational circles. In 1873 he came to Winterset to take charge of the public schools and for five years



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continued in the position of principal. He was then elected county superintendent, which position he filled for four years, and for seven years he actively and successfully engaged in county institute work. He had the ability to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired and to inspire them with much of his own interest in advanced educational standards. His efforts have been of marked value to the schools of county and state, and he is one of the highly respected and honored educators of Iowa. He still maintains a deep interest in educational work and on various occasions assisted the state superintendent in carrying on the examinations after the new law went into effect. For several years he was president of the Winterset school board and did everything in his power to advance the interests of the schools in that place. While he has now practically retired from the field of education and of journalism, he yet gives supervision to the farm which he owns near Winterset.

In 1879 Mr. Zeller was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Cox, who was born in Madison county near Winterset, and they have become parents of three children: Katherine, the wife of N. L. Kale, who is living on her father's farm near Winterset; Theodore C., at home; and Joseph Walter, a graduate of the Iowa Wesleyan University, now attending law school at Harvard.

In politics Mr. Zeller has always been a stalwart advocate of republican principles and has done much to shape the policy of the party in his section of the state. In 1908 he was elected to the state legislature and was reelected in 1910, serving in the thirty-third and thirty-fourth general assemblies. He was made a member of a number of important committees, including the committees on appropriations, schools and agriculture. He was also chairman of the committee on military affairs and a member of the railway committee. In fact he was connected altogether with ten different committees and has left the impress of his individuality upon the legislation enacted during the periods in which he was a member of the house. He belongs to Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset and is popular among his comrades of that order. Although now seventy years of age, he is still hale and hearty. Advanced years do not necessarily suggest idleness nor want of occupation. There is an old age in which the individual gives out of his rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others and such is the career of Mr. Zeller. He still does considerable writing for the press and yet looks after his farming interests, although making his home in Winterset. He has wisely used his time and talents throughout his entire life and the course which he has followed has been largely characterized by signal service for the benefit of the community in which he has lived.

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#### GEORGE W. POFFINBARGER.

George W. Poffinbarger, a well known stone, brick and cement mason and contractor of Winterset, was born upon the site of this city on the 17th of June, 1850, a son of Samuel W. and Hannah (Smith) Poffinbarger. The father, who was born near Boonesboro, Washington county, Maryland, on the 10th of March, 1818, accompanied his parents to Ohio when about twelve years of age, settlement being made near Columbus. His father carried on agricultural work there

for about six years and then removed with his family to Springfield, Illinois, arriving there when that section was still a frontier region. In 1846 Samuel W. Poffinbarger removed westward and settled in Jefferson county, Iowa, near Fairfield. Two years later he came to Madison county, where he had entered land and where the family remained until 1856, in which year they returned to Jefferson county. The father farmed there and worked on the construction of bridges for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in that county. In 1859 he went to California, where he remained for three years, after which he went to the far north, penetrating to a point thirteen hundred miles above the mouth of the Fraser river. He kept a record of his trip until he reached the Fraser and wrote of many interesting experiences. The boat in which he went up the Fraser river sank and he was in danger of his life. He returned home by way of South America and thus gained much knowledge concerning various parts of the western hemisphere. In 1864 he settled in Jefferson township, this county, and purchased land, which he operated until 1875, when he went to Texas. During his early residence in this county he helped to cut the timbers with which the old St. Nicholas Hotel was built. He was well acquainted with a number of prominent men of his time, including Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, General Logan and Colonel Baker. The last named, whom he met on the plains, was killed at the battle of Bald Bluff while bringing back troops from Oregon. While living in Jefferson county Mr. Poffinbarger was among the first to keep a good grade of cattle, having started his herd with blooded stock brought from Pennsylvania by his father and a Mr. Gillette. Samuel W. Poffinbarger also raised hogs extensively and in an early day drove them to Keokuk, as that was the nearest market. Upon his removal to Texas he followed agricultural pursuits there for some time but subsequently went to Arkansas, and still later to Missouri. At the time of his death he was residing at Winterset with our subject. He was a democrat in his political belief and his religious faith was that of the Universalist church. He was a man of broad views and of scholarly tastes and was well read. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Hannah Smith, was born in Rockcastle county, Kentucky, in February, 1822, and arrived in Burlington, Iowa, in 1844. To their union were born five children, of whom the subject of this review was the first in order of birth.

George W. Poffinbarger attended school in Abingdon, Iowa, pursuing his early studies in a log schoolhouse, and he was later a student in the schools of Winterset. When sixteen years of age he began learning the trade of a stone mason and has continued to follow that occupation to the present time. He also works in brick and cement and understands his trade thoroughly. He has of late years given much time and attention to general contracting and has erected a number of excellent buildings. He has filled contracts in stone work in various parts not only of this county but of the state, and his reputation is very high as a contractor as he insists upon everything being done in a workmanlike manner and always lives up to his contracts. He has held a number of county offices, beginning with 1884, when he was elected deputy county auditor. He held that position for about three years and in 1888 was elected to the position of auditor on the fusion ticket. He served in that capacity for five years and proved very systematic and efficient in the discharge of his duties. He was also assessor of Lincoln and Center townships and has served as secretary of the



school board in the former township. He is a socialist and has given much thought to the economic, social and political problems that have arisen in our modern complicated life and that seem to demand a change in our social order.

In 1886 Mr. Poffinbarger married Miss Ida Burd, who was born in Noble county, Indiana, of the marriage of S. S. and Mary (Hultz) Burd. Her father, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1831, was a blacksmith and farmer. In his young manhood he was married in Michigan City, Indiana, and later lived in Buffalo, Michigan. While a resident of the Wolverine state he turned his energies to farming and stock-raising and continued in those occupations after his removal to Illinois in 1857. He lived in Menard county, that state, until 1865, when he arrived in this county, settling in Walnut township, where he became a well-to-do landowner. He raised, bought and fed stock extensively and gained a large measure of material prosperity. He was very active in church work, belonging first to the Methodist Episcopal church and later to the Christian church. He quite frequently preached and held service in all parts of the county. In 1885 he retired from active life and removed to Winterset, where he was residing when he passed away on the 5th of May, 1911. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Hultz, was born in Richmond county, Ohio, on the 21st of April, 1837, and is still living. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom Mrs. Poffinbarger is the second. Mr. and Mrs. Poffinbarger have one child living, a daughter, Jessie, who is clerking for the Graham Latimer Mercantile Company.

Mr. Poffinbarger is well known in local Masonic circles, belonging to the blue lodge, in which he has held the office of junior warden; the chapter, in which he is secretary; and the council. He is intensely interested in local history and was one of the organizers of the Historical Society and also of the Old Settlers Picnic. He, with W. W. Gentry and S. W. Wilkinson, wrote the by-laws of the Old Settlers Association and he has continued to do all in his power to increase the knowledge of the early settlers and early conditions in this county, believing that the story of pioneer days is one that is well worthy of preservation for all generations and that it is one that has in it much inspiration, as it gives an account of the courageous conquering of obstacles and of disinterested devotion to the general good.

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#### WALLACE WICKS.

Wallace Wicks, who has lived retired at Earlham since December, 1910, was long and actively identified with agricultural pursuits in this county, winning thereby the competence that now enables him to spend his declining years in well earned rest. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, New York, July 23, 1841, his parents being Benjamin and Chrilla (Comins) Wicks, who were natives of Vermont and New York respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, operated a farm in the Empire state until 1856 and then came to Iowa, purchasing a tract of land in Warren county, which he cultivated for a time. His demise occurred in 1866. His first wife passed away about 1850, and he subsequently married Fanny Fuller.

Wallace Wicks spent the first fifteen years of his life in the state of his nativity and then came to Iowa with his father, driving from Iowa City, then the terminus of the railroad, to Des Moines. On attaining his majority he left the home farm and subsequently was engaged in teaming in Des Moines for a year or two. Later he operated a rented farm in Warren county for a few years and then bought forty acres of land there, which he later traded for an eighty-acre tract in Lincoln township, Madison county, on which he made substantial improvements. At the end of a few years he disposed of that place also and bought and improved a quarter section of land in Jackson township, where he carried on his agricultural interests with excellent success until the time of his retirement in December, 1910. He gave eighty acres of the farm to his son but still retains the remaining eighty. The past five years have been spent in honorable retirement at Earlham, where he owns a comfortable and attractive residence.

In March, 1865, Mr. Wicks was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Barkley, a daughter of Samuel Barkley, who was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in a very early day, locating in Davis county, Iowa, where he followed farming until called to his final rest. To Mr. and Mrs. Wicks were born five children, as follows: Chrilla, who is the wife of Herman Nearman and resides in Missouri; Charles, who follows farming in Jackson township, this county; Hester, who gave her hand in marriage to Frank Ellsberry and resides in Earlham; Josephine, the wife of Oliver Haxton, an agriculturist of Guthrie county, Iowa; and Roxie, at home. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1908, and her demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Mr. Wicks gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity. The period of his residence in this part of the state covers nearly six decades, and he is widely known as an esteemed and venerable citizen of Madison county.

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#### CHARLES POLK.

Charles Polk was for over two decades actively engaged in farming in Monroe township but has now disposed of his land and is living in retirement from active life in Winterset. He was born in Knox county, Indiana, on the 28th of August, 1838, a son of James and Harriet Polk, both natives of Kentucky, who removed to the Hoosier state in their youth with their respective parents. The father arrived there in 1804 and the mother in 1812, and both continued to reside there until called to their reward.

Charles Polk was reared upon the home farm and under the guidance of his parents learned many lessons of life that have since been of incalculable benefit to him. On the 5th of June, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Twenty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private. Subsequently he was transferred to the First Indiana Heavy Artillery and was promoted to various ranks, eventually becoming lieutenant of his company. He was mustered out on the 10th of January, 1866, at Baton Rouge, after having served at the front for four years and a half. He saw much hard fighting and participated in the battles of Fort Jack-

son, St. Phillip and Baton Rouge. During the siege of New Orleans he was assigned to naval duty and subsequently he took part in the battle of Port Hudson, the Red River expedition and the siege of Mobile. He was never absent from his company and never wounded nor taken prisoner, although he endured many hardships incident to the campaigns in which he was engaged. He could always be depended upon to do his duty and never flinched in the face of danger.

After his return from the war Mr. Polk engaged in farming independently and also raised considerable stock. He was likewise for a time in the mercantile business. In 1873 he came in a covered wagon to Iowa, settling in Monroe township, Madison county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land. The place remained his home for twenty-three years and in that time its appearance was greatly changed, as he divided the land into fields of convenient size, erected good buildings and beautified the lawn about his residence and brought the land itself to a high state of cultivation. He prospered financially and added an eighty acre tract to his quarter section and at length accumulated a competence that enabled him to retire to Winterset in 1896. He disposed of his land some time ago and now has no business cares to burden him and is enjoying to the full the leisure that his former industry and good management made possible.

Mr. Polk was married March 23, 1871, to Miss Minerva Scanling, who was born in Ohio in 1845 and was educated at Oxford College for Women at Oxford, Ohio, a well known girls' school. When but five years of age she was crippled and was practically so during her entire life. Her death was a tragic one, as she was burned on the farm in 1893 from a gasoline explosion. She had two daughters: Mrs. J. H. Cochran, of Winterset; and Mary E., a graduate of the State University of Iowa and now a teacher at Wasco, Oregon. Mr. Polk's second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Savannah Truitt, who was born in Davis county, Missouri, a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Robinson) Truitt, both natives of Indiana. They were married in the Hoosier state and subsequently removed successively to Muscatine, Iowa; Missouri; and Madison county, Iowa, arriving here in 1858.

Mr. and Mrs. Polk are members of the Baptist church and aid in the furtherance of its cause. He is a republican, having supported that party since its birth, and has held a number of local offices, including that of assessor and of county supervisor, being a member of the board for three years. In 1880 he was census enumerator. Since 1896 he has resided in Winterset and his home on East Jefferson street is a popular meeting place for his many personal friends, who hold him in warm regard.

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#### WILLIAM RUTHERFORD.

William Rutherford owns and operates a well improved farm of eighty acres on section 28, Scott township, whereon he and his wife have resided continuously since their marriage in 1867, or for a period of forty-seven years. His birth occurred in Clark county, Indiana, on the 15th of January, 1847, his parents being Elijah and Rebecca (Harlow) Rutherford, who were natives of Kentucky and Pennsylvania respectively. They came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1858.

and spent the remainder of their lives on the farm which is now in the possession of our subject.

William Rutherford, who was eleven years of age when brought to this county by his parents, has remained within its borders continuously since and has followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, with good results. As above stated, his farm embraces eighty acres of rich and productive land on section 28, Scott township, and in the careful management of his interests he has won a gratifying annual income.

In 1867 Mr. Rutherford was united in marriage to Miss Susan James, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, November 8, 1847, her parents being Benjamin and Hannah (Freestone) James, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Henry county, Ohio. They were married in Indiana and came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1854, settling first in Scott township and a year later in Douglas township, where both passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford have been born four children, namely: Luther J. and James S. F., both of whom died in infancy; Ermina Isabelle, who is the wife of John McNeeley, of Winterset; and Outher S., at home.

The religious faith of the family is that of the Methodist church. During the long period of their residence in this county Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford have made a host of friends who esteem them highly as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives.

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#### JOHN T. YOUNG.

John T. Young, a retired farmer and stockman who is living in Winterset, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 12th of May, 1849, a son of George W. Young. The father was born in Fredericksburg, Maryland, of German descent. His parents both passed away in that locality and he was there reared and educated. In his youth he learned the miller's trade and upon removing to Ohio worked at that trade. In 1856 he drove through with horse teams to Madison county, Iowa, and became the owner of land in both Scott and Union townships. There was a small log house upon his farm when it came into his possession and that building remained his residence for some time. He spent the remainder of his life upon his farm and at the time of his death owned two hundred and eighty-four acres of finely cultivated land. He passed away in November, 1878, and his demise was mourned by those who in the many years of his residence in this county had learned to know and esteem him. He was not a member of any church, but assisted in building the church in his locality. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Moore, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, where she was reared and married. She accompanied her husband on the journey overland to Iowa and was one of the best known of the pioneer women in this county. She lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years, passing away on the 4th of May, 1912. Her religious faith was that of the Presbyterian church, of which she was a consistent member. All of her seven children are still living, namely: John T., of this review; William C., who is farming in Minnesota; Mary A., the wife of Edward Houtby, of North Loup, Nebras-



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ka; George W., of Winterset; Nina, who makes her home with our subject; James M., a farmer of Scott township, this county; and Frances, who gave her hand in marriage to Hugh Thompson, of Earlham, this county.

John T. Young was a child of seven years when he accompanied his parents to this county and the remainder of his boyhood and his youth were passed under the parental roof. In common with other farmer boys he early began to learn practical methods of agriculture and as his strength increased assisted his father more and more. His education was not neglected, however, as he attended the district schools and there gained a knowledge of the fundamental branches of learning. When twenty-one years of age he became a teacher in the district schools but in the summer months engaged in farming. In 1878, at the time of his father's death, he assumed charge of the home place and was made administrator of the estate. He operated the farm successfully until 1914, when he rented it and removed to Winterset, where he is now living retired from active labor. The estate has never been divided and he is still managing it to the satisfaction of all the heirs. He and his sister Nina live together and both have many warm friends, who esteem them highly for their many admirable traits of character.

Mr. Young is a republican and has held a number of offices of trust and honor. In 1892 he was elected county recorder and the following year took office. His record was so satisfactory to his constituents that he was reelected in 1894 and served in all for four years. During that time he continued to supervise the operation of the farm. He is a member of Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., of Winterset, and in his quiet and unostentatious life manifests that spirit of fraternity and loyalty in friendship that is the foundation of that order.

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### THEODORE COX.

Theodore Cox was one of the most prominent men among the early settlers of Madison county and his demise was a distinct loss to the county. He was born in Talbot county, Maryland, on the 23d of September, 1817, and as his father died when he was quite small he made his home for a number of years with an uncle. When sixteen years of age he went to Baltimore and there became an expert machinist. He worked in the shops which built the rolling stock of the first American railroad and helped to construct the first locomotive used on that road. His health failing, he removed to Lafayette, Indiana, and there engaged in the stock business. The following year, 1845, he removed to Keokuk county, Iowa, and in 1853 went to Mahaska county. The next year witnessed his arrival in this county and he purchased a claim in Scott township, two miles east of Winterset. There he passed the remainder of his life, giving his time and energy to farming and stock-raising. He frequently shipped stock to Baltimore and in the early days it was necessary to drive stock to Eddyville, which was the nearest railroad point. He usually went with the stock, seeing that it was cared for properly on the long journey to Baltimore. He accumulated a considerable fortune and was very generous in his support of public measures of value. When it was proposed to build a railroad from Des Moines to Winterset

he was one of the first to strongly advocate its construction and probably gave as much both of time and money to the project as any man in the county.

Mr. Cox married Miss Sarah Johnston in Keokuk county in 1846. She was a Kentuckian by birth and was a woman of much ambition and industry and proved a valuable helpmate to her husband. They became the parents of six children, two of whom remained in this county, namely: Mrs. E. W. Jones and Mrs. E. R. Zeller, both of whom reside in Winterset, and a sketch of E. R. Zeller is found elsewhere in this work. The Cox home east of Winterset was for years famed for its generous hospitality and was in the early times a favorite stopping place for travelers and home-seekers.

Mr. Cox was a democrat and was loyal in his support of that party in the times of its success and its defeat alike, losing no opportunity to champion its principles. He held a number of local offices and usually presided over the county democratic conventions. He never ceased to take the keenest interest in the public welfare along all lines of activity and in many ways aided in the advancement of his township and county. He passed away on the 12th of July, 1891, and there are still many who remember his life and his many good works and cherish his memory.

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### JAMES WINFIELD MILLER.

James Winfield Miller, former editor of the *Madisonian* and now owner and editor of the *Reporter* of Winterset, Iowa, was born at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of April, 1852, of the marriage of the Hon. William Edward and Mary (Robinson) Miller. The father was also born at Mount Pleasant in 1823 and the mother in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1828. In early life William E. Miller studied law in the Keystone state but in 1852 removed to Johnson county, Iowa, and there practiced his profession for a few years. He was elected district judge before the Civil war, holding court when there were as yet no railroads in his part of the state. He enlisted in the Union army and was colonel of the Twenty-eighth Iowa Regiment for a year, resigning at the end of that time on account of ill health dating from the engagement at White river. Upon his return to this state he practiced at Iowa City until he was appointed judge of the supreme court of Iowa. He served for three years upon the highest state tribunal and the decisions which he handed down were distinguished by discrimination, thought, absolute fairness and lucidity of expression. At one time Judge Miller was the editor of the *Iowa City Republican* and he was very prominent in republican circles from the earliest days of that party, having helped in its organization in Johnson county. He was a Methodist and fraternally was connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, in both of which orders he was active. His father-in-law, James Robinson, was one of the organizers of the Johnson County Savings Bank and he helped to erect its building, which stood for many years as the finest structure in that part of the state.

When a boy of eleven years James W. Miller accompanied his father to the battle front and at Helena, Arkansas, acted as postmaster for the regiment and also served as messenger, carrying dispatches for the commanders, especially



General Gorman. His father provided him with a colonel's uniform, the men of the regiment gave him a pony and a gunsmith made him a gun and he was very proud of his equipment and actually participated in several engagements with the guerillas and bushwhackers. His scholastic education was largely acquired in Iowa City and in 1871 he engaged in the lumber business, being connected with H. F. Getchell & Son. Two years later he removed to Winterset and became assistant manager of the foremost lumberyard there. He was so engaged until 1876, and in 1877 he became connected with the *Madisonian* in an editorial capacity and held that position until 1890. In that year he went into the stock business, specializing in the breeding of fine driving horses, many of which were tracked. In 1899 he was appointed postmaster of Winterset and held that office for four and a half years. In 1903 he became the owner and editor of the *Reporter*, a republican paper of considerable influence, and under his management it has gained in circulation and advertising patronage and has maintained a high standard as to news service.

On November 23, 1876, Mr. Miller married Miss Laura Justina Cummings, who was born in Winterset, Iowa, a daughter of Henry J. B. Cummings, whose birth occurred in Sussex county, New Jersey, on the 21st of May, 1831. He taught school when in his teens and in 1848 began the study of law. The following year, however, he went to Schuylkillhaven for three and a half years worked upon the "Schuylkillhaven Map." In 1854 he went to Muncy, Pennsylvania, and was there admitted to the bar. On the 1st of January, 1856, he crossed the Mississippi river and continued his way westward, settling in Winterset, Madison county, Iowa. He returned to Muncy and on March 4, 1857, was married to Annie W. Robb. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding, he dying April 16, 1909, his wife having preceded him April 10 of the previous year. He organized the republican party in Madison county and held a number of local offices, such as those of mayor and prosecuting attorney, and he helped to organize both Adair and Cass counties. In 1869 he became editor of the *Madisonian* and in 1876 was elected to congress from his district. He introduced the arrears of pension bill, the passage of which caused one and a half million dollars to be distributed to the old soldiers residing in Iowa. At the time of the Civil war he organized a militia company which went to the front as Company F of the Fourth Iowa Infantry and he was captain of that company for a year and saw considerable active service. He proved such a capable leader that he was made colonel of the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry and served at the head of his command for three and a half years. Mrs. Miller has in her possession his sword and also one belonging to her great-great-great-grandfather, General Daniel Broadhead, a member of General Washington's staff and the commander of Fort Pitt. She also has a letter written by General Washington to General Broadhead, giving the latter orders relating to Fort Pitt. Mr. Miller has the sword belonging to his father. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had two children, but both died in infancy.

Mr. Miller is a loyal republican and has served as chairman of the county central committee and attended as delegate many county and state conventions. He wields considerable influence in political circles both as an individual and as an editor, and he is always willing to do all in his power to further the interests of his party by honorable means. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and

not only attends its services and contributes to its support but in many ways aids in its work. As a boy he played a part in the struggle to preserve the Union and throughout his entire life has manifested a willingness to place the general good above his private interests, and his public spirit has been a factor in securing the advancement of his community.

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#### MICHAEL B. HOLMES.

Michael B. Holmes was for many years actively and prominently connected with the agricultural development of the county and his demise in 1894 was the occasion of much sincere regret. He was born in Indiana on the 17th of May, 1849, a son of J. S. and Elizabeth Holmes, who removed to Madison county, Iowa, when this district was still largely a frontier region. Further mention of the family is made in the sketch of J. W. Holmes on another page of this volume.

Michael B. Holmes was educated in the district schools and supplemented his scholastic training with practical preparation for an agricultural career, as he began to assist his father with the farm work when quite young. As he grew to manhood he determined to own land of his own and began saving his money with that end in view and was at length in a position to buy eighty acres of land in Scott township. He found sufficient scope for his energy and progressiveness in the cultivation of his property and by unremitting toil and careful living was enabled to add to his holdings until he held title to two hundred and fifty acres of excellent land. He understood the work of preparing the ground for the seed, the best methods of sowing, the importance of cultivating the growing crops and the work of harvesting. He was not only successful as a grain grower but also raised high grade stock, the sale of which added materially to his income. He was still actively engaged in agricultural work at the time of his death, which occurred on the 6th of February, 1894.

On the 4th of July, 1878, Mr. Holmes married Miss Alice A. Harford, a daughter of D. A. and Mary (Armstrong) Harford, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harford resided in the Buckeye state for some time and in 1856 removed with their family to Madison county, Iowa, locating at Winterset, where Mr. Harford followed his trade of carpentering. He also owned land and farmed to some extent. He passed away on the 26th of February, 1910, and his wife died on the 14th of April, 1896. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes are as follows: Starling D., a farmer, residing near Mitchell, South Dakota, married Anna Jones and they have three children, Everett, Opal and Earl. Essie is the wife of Wesley R. Worley, a farmer of this county. Albert, a farmer of this county, married Ethel Herman and their children are four in number, John, Alice, Squire and Gladys. Fred, a farmer and stock dealer, residing on the home farm in Scott township, married Agnes Pickens, by whom he has two children, Helen and Herbert. Beulah is the wife of Fred Jones, a farmer of Madison county, and they have two children, Pauline and Lois. M. B., a farmer of Madison county, married Miss Gladys Tribby. Mrs. Holmes was left a widow with six children, the oldest of whom was only sixteen years of age, but she managed to carry on the farm with

the assistance of her sons until December, 1912, when she rented the place to one of the sons and came to Winterset, where she now lives. She is a member of the Methodist church and is highly respected by all who know her.

Mr. Holmes was not especially active in political circles but discharged his duties as a good citizen and manifested a commendable public spirit. His political views were in accord with the policies of the republican party and he supported that ticket at the polls. He attended the Zion church and aided in furthering the work of that organization. He was essentially a home man and found his greatest enjoyment in the companionship of his family. He also loved the out-of-doors and for that reason farming was a very congenial as well as a profitable occupation. His home was the meeting place of the friends of the family as he was of a hospitable nature and delighted to welcome those whom he had honored with his friendship.

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#### FRED B. SPATZ.

One of the highly respected residents of Earlham is Fred B. Spatz, who was born in Dallas county, Iowa, June 23, 1871, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Webber) Spatz, both of whom were born in Germany. In 1854 they left the fatherland and came to the United States, locating for a time in New York. They then removed to Illinois and in 1859 removed to Dallas county, Iowa, where the father bought two hundred and ten acres of land in Boone township. It was timbered when it came into his possession, but he was not discouraged by the necessity of first clearing it and began its improvement at once. At length he had a fine farm cleared and under cultivation. He continued to farm until called to the Great Beyond on the 14th of July, 1907, at the age of eighty years, two months and four days. His widow died on the 21st of October, 1911, when she had reached the age of eighty years, two months and five days, living to be just one day older than was her husband at the time of his demise. Mr. Spatz gave indisputable proof of his allegiance to his adopted country by enlisting in Company K, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in the defense of the Union. He served for ten months and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh, losing one eye and his hearing.

Fred B. Spatz was reared and educated in his native county and remained with his parents until he attained his majority. He then began working as a farm hand and for fourteen years and three months was in the employ of one man, a record which implies the faithfulness and efficiency of his service. From year to year he gained in agricultural knowledge and as he was frugal his resources also increased and he was at length enabled to buy land. His farm was situated on the line between Dallas and Madison counties, a part being in each county. The buildings, however, were in Dallas county. He operated his farm until the spring of 1914, when he sold that place and purchased one hundred and forty-eight acres southeast of Earlham, which he still operates though he lives in Earlham, where he purchased a fine modern residence. He is not only a well-to-do man but a public-spirited citizen and is highly esteemed.

Mr. Spatz was married February 23, 1891, to Miss Emma Barton, a daughter of George and Ellen (Poil) Barton, natives of England, who upon coming to America located in Dallas county, Iowa. Her father purchased land there and was ranked among the successful farmers of that county, continuing active in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in December, 1903. His wife died in February, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Spatz have two children, Pearl E. and Raymond P., both at home.

The political allegiance of Mr. Spatz is given to the republican party and he has at all times been staunch in his support of its policies and candidates. He does not belong to any church but takes an interest in the work of all denominations and is liberal in his contributions to their support. His attitude upon all the great questions of life is broad and unprejudiced, and he cooperates with any movement that seeks the material or moral welfare of his community.

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#### MAJOR THOMAS C. GILPIN.

Major Thomas C. Gilpin, of Winterset, is one of the prominent residents of that city, where he is living retired after many years of active connection with the practice of law and public affairs generally. His birth occurred in New London, now Shandon, Butler county, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1832, and he is a son of Samuel N. and Mary (Thomas) Gilpin, the former born in Connecticut on the 16th of March, 1806, and the latter near London, England, December 28, 1809. She was but a child of nine years when she came to the United States. Therefore practically her entire life was passed in this country, her death occurring November 26, 1888, when she was almost seventy-nine years of age. Samuel N. Gilpin was reared upon a farm in Connecticut. The family moved to Cayuga Lake, New York, where his father became a landowner. Samuel N. Gilpin worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in his youth. He subsequently removed to the Miami river, in Butler county, Ohio, arriving there when conditions were primitive and when there was still more that told of Indian occupancy than of white settlement. He found a big camp of Indians near the fort at Bowling Green, just across the river from the farm owned by his father. He resided in Ohio until 1844 and then removed to Franklin county, Indiana, where he became a landowner and farmer. Upon retiring from active life he removed to Jefferson county, so that his children might attend Hanover College, which is situated there. He passed away on the 18th of July, 1886, and his demise was the occasion of sincere regret to his many friends. He was a democrat in early life, but at the outbreak of the Civil war became a republican, as he was strongly Union in his sympathies. He was with the army and helped to build the forts at Cumberland Gap and the hospital at Jefferson City, Indiana, and although not an enlisted soldier was in the pay of the United States as a carpenter for two years. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church and he assisted in building most of the early churches of that denomination in Butler county, Ohio. His indignation was stirred by the wrongs of the slaves and he was prominent in the abolition movement in his locality. His home in Ohio, an old-fashioned story and a half log house, was a station on the



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underground passage to Canada, and many fugitive slaves owed their safe journey to Canada in part to him and his great interest in freedom. He was the father of eleven children, four of whom came to Iowa, and of whom the subject of this review is the second in order of birth.

Thomas C. Gilpin attended high school at Mount Carmel, Indiana, and supplemented the education there acquired by a course in Hanover College, Jefferson county, Indiana. When but eighteen years of age he began teaching in the rural schools of Butler county, Ohio, and was so employed for five years. He was then for two years teacher in the high school at Rushville, Indiana, after which he read law in the office maintained by P. A. Hackleman and George Clark, and in 1856 was admitted to the bar at Rushville. In that year he became prosecuting attorney for Rush and Decatur counties, proving an able and conscientious official. After practicing law in Rushville for some time he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he continued his professional labors until 1861.

In April of that year Major Gilpin removed to Bloomfield, Davis county, Iowa, and in the following August enlisted in Company E, Third Iowa Cavalry, for service in the Union army. Although enlisting as a private, he was immediately made first sergeant, and after two months was promoted to second lieutenant, later first lieutenant and then captain of his company. For gallantry on the field of battle at Ebenezer Church, Alabama, he was brevetted major, and he served as aide-de-camp on Major General Upton's staff. On one occasion when his horse was shot from under him he, with only a few followers, routed a picket post from a carriage house, charged the enemy's artillery and observed every detail of their position. He and his comrades were subjected to a galling fire, and he narrowly escaped death, as the cape of his uniform was shot through and several bullet holes were made in his clothing. A larger Union force came at once to his rescue and completely routed the enemy. He had his horse shot from under him a second time and he also injured his left knee, but he was never wounded.

In 1865 Major Gilpin came to Winterset and here began the practice of law as a partner of Colonel Cummings. Three years later he was elected county judge and was the last to hold that position, as a law was passed abolishing the office and creating instead that of county auditor. By the provisions of that law he became the first auditor of his county. Although he gave his allegiance to the republican party in the time of the war, he subsequently supported the democratic party, which he assisted in organizing in Madison county. He was a candidate for congress, opposing John A. Kasson, republican, and E. H. Gillette, greenbacker, both Iowa men of note. He continued in the practice of his profession until 1904, when he retired from active practice. He believes in the value of farming land as an investment and has owned considerable land in this county.

In 1856 Major Gilpin married Miss Susan F. MacBride, who was born in Rushville, Rush county, Indiana. Her parents, Robert Y. and Lydia A. (Freed) MacBride, were born respectively in 1773 and 1793. The mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania, and she is a relative of the Freeds of Philadelphia, who are quite prominent in the iron industry. Mrs. MacBride passed away in 1868, having survived her husband for twenty years, as his death occurred in 1848. He was a harnessmaker and followed his trade in Philadelphia for some time, after which he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and thence to Rushville, Indiana, where

he continued to work at his trade and where he was living at the time of his death. Conditions in the Hoosier state were largely those of a frontier district when he arrived there, and he did his full share in the early development of Rush county. He was noted throughout that section as a student of the Bible, having an exhaustive and exact knowledge thereof, although not a member of any church. His wife, however, was an active worker in the Presbyterian church. To them were born nine children, of whom Mrs. Gilpin is the youngest. One of her brothers served in the Civil war for a time.

To Major and Mrs. Gilpin were born the following children: Ellerslie Freed was born May 15, 1857, and died May 23, 1908. He was married and was engaged in the hotel business in the city of New York. Curtis Nelson, born May 25, 1862, passed away on the 19th of February, 1902. He was operating a farm belonging to his father and was married. He left a son, Walter C., who is residing at Sacramento, California. Frederick L., born March 4, 1864, died in April of that year. Grace Upton, named for Mrs. Grace Upton, the wife of General Upton, gave her hand in marriage to E. E. Bean, a Wyoming rancher, and they reside in Fremont county, that state. She is a music teacher and is the mother of a daughter, Mary M., who was born July 6, 1897, and is now attending Forest Grove College, at Portland, Oregon. Victor C., born October 29, 1869, is an electrician and resides at Brooklyn, New York. He is married and has two children: Thomas C., who was born in October, 1897; and Victoria, whose birth occurred in January, 1907. Finley Warner, named for President Finley of Hanover College, Indiana, was born July 19, 1874, and has followed agricultural pursuits to some extent, but is now a light opera singer and resides in New York. Eva May, born December 18, 1875, is the wife of Dr. R. S. Cooper, who is a prominent dentist of Winterset.

Major Gilpin has always taken a keen interest in everything relating to the welfare of the public schools and has served acceptably as president of the school board. He is an influential member of the Presbyterian church and for many years was elder and Sunday-school superintendent. He has kept up his association with his comrades in arms through his membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and is now quartermaster thereof. On the 11th of May, 1866, he became a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset and has held all of its offices. He was master from 1869 to 1872 and again in 1880 and 1881. In 1868 he became a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and has held all of the offices in that body. He is likewise identified with the council of the Royal & Select Masters and with Temple Commandery, K. T., of Des Moines. Many and varied interests have benefited by his cooperation, and there is no better known or more popular man in Winterset than Major Gilpin.

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#### ELLSWORTH PALMER.

Ellsworth Palmer is one of those efficient agriculturists who are contributing to the wealth of the county through their labors and he is highly esteemed by all who know him. He was born in Illinois, March 13, 1873, a son of Henry and Eva (Harris) Palmer, both natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer and as a



young man emigrated to Illinois, where he engaged in cultivating the soil and raising live stock until 1892. He then sold out and came to this county, buying land in Jefferson township, which he has since operated. His wife is also living.

Ellsworth Palmer was reared in his native state and there obtained his education. He accompanied his parents to this county and remained with them until he attained his majority. He then rented land and began farming on his own account. At the end of ten years he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to buy a quarter section of land in Madison township, to which he removed and has since concentrated his energies upon its improvement. He conserves the fertility of the soil by wise methods of cultivation and as he is forehanded in all of the work of the farm and manages the business phase of agriculture well he is able to add to his capital from year to year.

Mr. Palmer was married on the 15th of February, 1894, to Miss Mary M. Raitt, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Kinnon) Raitt, both natives of the east. The father was born in New York and the mother in Pennsylvania. Mr. Raitt was a harnessmaker by trade and removed to Madison county in an early day, locating at Patterson. After working at harnessmaking for several years his health failed and he removed to a farm near Winterset, which he operated during the remainder of his life. He passed away on the 9th of January, 1912, and is survived by his wife, who still resides at Winterset.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have three children: Floyd and Herman, both at home; and Hazel B., attending school. Mr. Palmer is a republican and takes the interest of a good citizen in local governmental affairs. His religious allegiance is given to the United Presbyterian church, of which both he and his wife are devout members and their lives are forces for good in the community.

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#### HAMILTON R. YOUNG.

Hamilton R. Young, who came to Madison county in the '60s, has remained within its borders continuously since and now owns and operates an excellent farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 32, Scott township. His birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of January, 1846, his parents being Samuel R. and Sarah (Roberts) Young, the former born in Maryland and the latter in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where their marriage was celebrated. They came to Iowa in 1865, making their way to Burlington by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and thence overland to Madison county. They settled on a farm in Walnut township which the father operated continuously and successfully until he put aside the active work of the fields, spending the evening of life in honorable retirement at Winterset, where he passed away at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was called to her final rest when eighty-one years old, and both were devoted and consistent members of the Methodist church. To them were born ten children but only three are now residents of Madison county, namely: Hamilton R., of this review; Permelia, who is the widow of James Osborn and lives in Walnut township; and Emma, the wife of William Baker, of Walnut township.

Hamilton R. Young came to this county a short time prior to the arrival of his parents and subsequently settled with his wife on an unimproved tract of forty acres on section 32, Scott township, whereon he has remained continuously since. He erected a small dwelling which was afterward remodeled and enlarged and later built his present commodious residence. His farm now comprises one hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land and many substantial improvements have been made on the property, the attractiveness of which is further enhanced by a large orchard, a grove of evergreens and other shade trees, all of which have been set out by Mr. Young. He has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits with excellent success and is widely recognized as one of the progressive, enterprising and representative farmers of the community. He is likewise an artist of great natural ability, doing portrait and landscape painting as well as crayon work for his own pleasure and having now a collection of pictures of which he may well be proud.

In 1870 Mr. Young was united in marriage to Miss Edna E. Osborn, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Jed Osborn, who was an early settler of Walnut township, this county. They have four children, as follows: Dee, who married Miss Myrtle Lorimor and is a baker of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Minnie, who gave her hand in marriage to Lee Deal, an agriculturist of Scott township; Samuel, who wedded Miss Lida Deal and follows farming in Scott township; and Tom C., who married Miss Garnet Baird and is a regular physician, surgeon and osteopath of Glenwood, California. Mr. Young is a democrat in politics and has held several township offices. He is prominent and well known throughout Madison county and has many sincere friends.

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#### N. B. HOLLINGSWORTH.

N. B. Hollingsworth, deceased, was the owner of about five hundred acres of excellent land in Madison county. He was born in Grant county, Indiana, on the 9th of March, 1840, a son of James and Mary (Brooks) Hollingsworth. The father was a native of North Carolina and the mother of Preble county, Ohio. They removed to this county, where both passed away.

N. B. Hollingsworth was eighteen years of age when he came to this county and purchased a forty-acre claim near the old town of Peru in Walnut township, entered his land and resided there for two years. He then began the improvement of forty acres on section 34, Scott township, which his wife had inherited from her father. He proved unusually successful as an agriculturist and gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of about five hundred acres of land, most of which was situated in Walnut township. He used the latest machinery in his work, was alert and energetic and continued to operate his farm until two years before his death.

Mr. Hollingsworth was married on Christmas Day, 1862, to Miss Eveline Hiatt, a native of Grant county, Indiana, born November 5, 1840. Her father, Aaron Hiatt, was a native of Preble county, Ohio, but when but a boy was taken to Grant county, Indiana, where in early manhood he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Roberts, a native of Grant county. She passed away in that



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county. Mr. Hiatt, who later married Sarah Tillson of Darke county, Ohio, came to Madison county in 1857 and became the owner of two hundred and sixty acres in Walnut township. He died in Colorado. The children of his first marriage were: Mrs. Mary A. Brown, of the state of Washington; Mrs. N. B. Hollingsworth; Sylvanus, who died in the Civil war; Elam, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now living in Oklahoma; and Stephen, who enlisted in the Union army when a boy of sixteen and is a resident of Holt county, Nebraska. The five children of the father's second marriage were as follows: one who died in infancy; Nancy Alice, who died in childhood; Molancy, now Mrs. Baker; Arthur W., of Peru, Iowa, who formerly conducted a hotel there; and Leslie P., of Payette, Idaho. To Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth were born four children: Calvin Sherman and Myra, who died in childhood; Darius; and D. E., a farmer of Scott township.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a republican and served acceptably for one term as county supervisor. He was one of the leading members of the Christian church in his locality. He passed away on the 22d of July, 1914, and is survived by his widow, who resides on the old home place on section 34, Scott township. Their son Darius was born upon the homestead and received his education in the common schools of Winterset and at Le Grand, Iowa. He taught school for a time but now cultivates a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Walnut township which he owns. It is a part of the farm on which his grandfather Hiatt settled in 1851.

There was much sincere grief at the death of Mr. Hollingsworth as he had resided in this county for many years and his life had resulted in much good to his community. He was not only scrupulously honest in all the relations of life but was a man of public spirit and cooperated heartily in movements that promote the general welfare. As a farmer he was very successful and aided not a little in the agricultural development of his county.

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### FREDERICK P. HARTSOOK.

Frederick P. Hartsook, junior member of the firm of Doak & Hartsook, of Winterset, dealers in vehicles and farm machinery, is a native son of Madison county, born on the 18th of January, 1874. A sketch of his father, William Hartsook, appears elsewhere in this work. Frederick P. Hartsook supplemented his public-school education by attending the Iowa Business College, where he took a thorough commercial course. Upon his return to Winterset he accepted the position of bookkeeper for Jones, Dickey & Company, implement dealers. He was connected with that firm for four years and was then for two years on the road, covering Missouri and Kansas. He next became connected with the firm of Minturn & Silliman, successors to Jones, Dickey & Company, and later purchased an interest in the business. In 1909 he formed a partnership with W. H. Doak under the firm name of Doak & Hartsook and so well have their affairs been managed that they are now the leading dealers in their line in Madison county. Their trade is growing in volume and extending in territory year by year. The thorough knowledge of Mr. Hartsook concerning agricultural implements and

methods of business has been a factor of no little importance in the steady increase in the patronage accorded the firm.

On the 12th of June, 1900, Miss Lavina R. Foresman became the wife of Mr. Hartsook. She is a daughter of James and Mary E. Foresman, both residing in this county, and by her marriage she has become the mother of a daughter, Helen.

Mr. Hartsook is a republican in politics, while his religious allegiance is given to the Presbyterian church and his fraternal affiliation is with Lotus Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, of Winterset. All who have been brought in contact with him in business, fraternal or social relations agree in pronouncing him a man of honorable principles who strives in all the relations of life to meet fully the obligations resting upon him.

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### GEORGE STORCK.

Germany has given to the United States many citizens who have been a potent force in the development of the country along many lines and George Storck, a well known farmer of Madison township, possesses those sterling traits of character that are usually associated with the Teutonic race. His birth occurred in Germany on the 2d of June, 1843, and his parents, John and Bridget (Wenzel) Storck, were likewise natives of the fatherland. The father was a farmer and also a cooper and worked at his trade in Germany, but upon emigrating to America settled in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1848, and gave the greater part of his attention to agricultural work. He entered land from the government, as the country was still sparsely settled and much land was in possession of the nation. He improved his place and cultivated it until his death, which occurred in 1851, when he was a comparatively young man. His widow survived until 1886.

George Storck has resided in this state since he was five years old, as he was a child of that age when brought by his parents to America. His education was afforded by the district schools and he remained with his mother until he was nineteen years of age. By that time it was evident that the Civil war was not to be decided in a few months and he enlisted in Company E, Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry, in Clayton county, in August, 1862. He served with that command until the close of the war and at one time was wounded and disabled for service for about six weeks. Following the close of hostilities he returned to Clayton county and for one year worked as a farm hand. He then went to Delaware county and bought one hundred and sixty acres, which he operated and developed in partnership with a brother. Upon the expiration of three years he sold that place and in 1870 came to Madison county, locating on a quarter section of fine land which he had previously purchased. His farm is situated on section 13, Madison township, and is one of the valuable properties of the township. He has bought land adjoining until he now owns two hundred and ten acres in Madison township and two hundred acres in Jefferson township. He has given his best thought and practically his entire time to its operation and has accumulated more than a competence. In addition to cultivating the usual crops he raises about one hundred head of hogs per year, the sale of which adds materially to his profit on the year's work.

Mr. Storck married Miss Henrietta Marquardt in August, 1870. Her parents, Carl and Dorothea (Schaetzke) Marquardt, were born in Germany and became residents of Clayton county, Iowa, in 1859. Her father purchased land there, which he farmed until 1873 and then removed with his family to Madison county, Iowa, becoming a landowner in Jefferson township. His death occurred upon his farm there in 1896, when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-one years. His wife passed away seven years previously, when seventy-six years old. To Mr. and Mrs. Storck were born nine children: Augusta and Lucy, at home; Richard C., who is living in South Dakota; Ernest A., a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Fernanda C., Paul G. and Walter H., at home; Nellie, who died in 1889, when five years old; and Arthur H., who passed away in 1913, at the age of thirty-five years.

Mr. Storck is one of the staunch supporters of the republican party in this county and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. From 1882 to 1885 he was a member of the board of county supervisors and discharged his duties to the full satisfaction of his constituents. He is secretary and manager of the Madison County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, which was organized in 1880 and of which he was president until 1893, when he became secretary and manager. The excellent conditions of the finances of the company and its high standing in this county are due in no small degree to his excellent business judgment and his personal attention to the details of the management of the company. He is also secretary of the North Branch Horse Company and has completely identified his interests with those of this county, being recognized as a good citizen and a successful farmer and business man. His religion is that of the German Lutheran church as he believes in its tenets.

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#### W. H. DOAK.

The firm of Doak & Hartsook is the largest firm dealing in vehicles and agricultural implements in Winterset and its senior partner is one of the leading business men of the town. He also has extensive stock-raising interests in the county. He was born in Hancock, Illinois, on the 24th of March, 1861, a son of Samuel H. and Isabel (Myers) Doak, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, whence at an early day they removed to Illinois. After farming in that state for a time they returned to Washington county, Pennsylvania, but in 1877 came to Madison county, Iowa, where the father died shortly afterward. He served in the Union army during the Civil war and proved a loyal soldier.

W. H. Doak was educated in the schools of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming county, New York. In 1879 he came to this county and for four years worked upon a farm. At the end of that time, together with his brothers, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and they carried on agricultural pursuits together for three years. At the end of that time the land was leased and W. H. Doak entered the implement business at Dexter, Iowa, which claimed his entire attention for about nine years. He met with success from year to year and in 1909 bought the John Cox farm of four hundred and eighty-five acres. He has since engaged in farming and stock-raising, paying

particular attention to the latter phase of agricultural activity, and his financial returns from the farm are most gratifying. In 1909 he traded a farm which he owned near Tileville in this county for an interest in an implement business, which is now conducted under the name of Doak & Hartsook and which is one of the leading commercial enterprises of Winterset. His previous connection with the implement business well qualified him for his new venture and the patronage of the firm has steadily increased as their reputation for a high quality of goods and reasonable prices has extended over a wide territory.

Mr. Doak married Miss Callie Farquhar, a daughter of Robert and Frances (Brown) Farquhar, who were formerly residents of Ohio and in the early days removed to Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Doak have a daughter, Frances Isabel.

Mr. Doak finds that he has little time for political activity but exercises his right of franchise in support of the republican party. Fraternally he is a member of Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and Lotus Lodge, K. P., both of Winterset, and has many friends not only in those orders but throughout the county. He has been unusually successful in all of his business ventures and his ability is equalled by his integrity and probity.

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#### AUGUST F. BURGER.

August F. Burger, a retired farmer of Winterset, is one of the many valued citizens of Madison county who were born in Germany. His birth occurred in Wittenberg on the 3d of August, 1843, and his parents were Gottlob Abraham and Franciska (Zweigl) Burger. The father was a paving contractor and in 1848 brought his family to America, landing in New York and locating first upon a farm near Cleveland, Ohio. After remaining there for a year removal was made to Cleveland, where the father entered the bakery and hotel business. A few years later he was called to his final rest at the age of thirty-five years, and his widow subsequently remarried, becoming the wife of Gottlob Abraham Burger, a cousin of her first husband. Upon removing to Iowa the family located successively at Keokuk, at Montrose and in Madison county. They arrived here in 1859 and settled permanently upon a farm in Jefferson township. The children of the first marriage were Franciska, Louise, August F., Frederick W. and Charles G. and those born of the mother's second marriage were William H. and Pauline. The mother died February 14, 1901, on the home farm, at eighty-four years of age.

August F. Burger attended school in Keokuk, Iowa, but after acquiring a common-school education put aside his text-books and upon the arrival of the family in this county worked upon the home farm. In 1861, when but eighteen years of age, he gave indisputable proof of his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting for service in the Civil war as a member of Company B, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on the 29th of September, 1861, and was mustered in on the 6th of December of that year at Keokuk. He was first under fire at Pittsburg Landing and participated in a number of battles, being wounded on the 3d of October, 1862, at Corinth. In May, 1863, the company reenlisted as veterans and Mr. Burger continued at the front until the close of the war, being



mustered out on the 4th of July and finally discharged August 3, 1865, at Davenport, Iowa, having served for almost four years.

In December of that year Mr. Burger formed a partnership with his brother Frederick and V. B. Wiggins and they purchased and operated the Weller mill, located on Middle river. Subsequently Mr. Burger of this review bought his brother's interest and eighteen months later sold out to Mr. Wiggins. He then applied himself to the occupation of farming and after a year, or in 1869, purchased forty acres of land in Jefferson township. As the years passed he added to his holdings until he became the owner of two hundred and sixty acres of fine land, which he operated until 1894 with gratifying success. In that year he removed to Des Moines but his wife died shortly afterward and he returned to Madison county, for two years residing with his parents. In January, 1897, he again took up his residence in Des Moines and remained there for eighteen months, after which he returned to his farm and gave his time and attention to its operation until 1912. As he had acquired more than sufficient to supply his needs for the remainder of his life he retired from active work and has since resided in Winterset.

On the 7th of April, 1867, Mr. Burger married Miss Ellen Foshier, who passed away on the 10th of August, 1894. On the 31st of December, 1896, he married Miss Laura May Mueller, a daughter of George and Catherine (Schott) Mueller, who were natives of Germany. She is a sister of Herman Mueller, the historian of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Burger have three children: August F., George Mueller and Louis Herman, all small and at home.

Mr. Burger has consistently voted the republican ticket, believing that the welfare of the country can best be served by the adoption of its principles. He has held the office of road supervisor and proved scrupulous in the performance of his duties. In his early manhood he was a member of the United Brethren church but he and his wife are now identified with the United Presbyterian church. For many years he has been a member of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset, and is most loyal to the purposes of that organization and finds much pleasure in association with his comrades, who in the time of their country's need placed patriotism above all other considerations.

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#### D. E. HOLLINGSWORTH.

D. E. Hollingsworth, a worthy native son and enterprising agriculturist of Madison county, is the owner of an excellent farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Scott township, and has won a gratifying measure of success in its operation. His birth occurred in that township on the 19th of December, 1874, his parents being N. B. and Eveline (Hiatt) Hollingsworth, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. He was reared on the home farm and in the acquirement of an education attended the common schools and also pursued an agricultural course at Ames. He taught school for one term but has devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits almost exclusively and six years ago purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Scott township, this being the old William Hircock

place. It was an improved property and Mr. Hollingsworth has since added a silo and corn crib. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place bespeaks the supervision of a practical and progressive owner and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1909 Mr. Hollingsworth was united in marriage to Miss Bessie J. Lorimor, her father being Benjamin Lorimor, a resident of Ringgold county, Iowa. They have three children: Helen, Eveline and Nimrod Bernard. Mr. Hollingsworth is a republican in politics and has ably served in various township offices, including that of township clerk. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the United Presbyterian church. He has been a lifelong resident of Madison county and his record is that of one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens.

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### JOHN M. BARNETT.

John M. Barnett, an honored veteran of the Civil war, is one of the venerable and esteemed citizens of Earlham, where he has lived retired since 1912. His birth occurred in Ross county, Ohio, on the 17th of February, 1837, his parents being Hiram and Pauline (McArthur) Barnett, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They removed to Indiana in 1838 and in that state the father worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker during the remainder of his life, passing away in 1849. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1848.

John M. Barnett, who was a lad of but twelve years when he lost his parents and was thus early thrown upon his own resources, worked in Indiana until he had attained the age of seventeen. He then came to Iowa and for some time was employed as a farm hand in Dallas county, while subsequently he worked at the brick business in Des Moines until the outbreak of the Civil war.

In April, 1861, Mr. Barnett enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company D, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, continuing with that command for four years, four months and four days and making a most creditable record as a brave and fearless soldier. He participated in the battle of Shiloh, Tennessee, on the 6th and 7th of April, 1862, and in numerous other conflicts manifested his unflinching and courageous spirit. The flag of his company now rests in the historical building at Des Moines.

After the cessation of hostilities Mr. Barnett returned to Des Moines and resumed work in the brickyards, also learning the blacksmith's trade. In 1871 he removed to Dallas county and there followed farming for three years, on the expiration of which period he began the operation of a gristmill in Dexter, being thus engaged for some time. Subsequently he spent several years as a stationary engineer at Des Moines and Grinnell and later made his way to Jamestown, North Dakota, where for two years he manufactured brick for the state asylum. He then went to Oklahoma and took up a claim, which he began improving, operating the place for about eighteen years or until 1912. In connection with the production of cereals he devoted considerable attention to live stock, raising high-grade animals and owning the finest breed of milch cows in the country. In 1912, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode





JOHN M. BARNETT AND FAMILY



JOHN M. BARNETT



in Earlham, Iowa, there purchasing a pleasant and attractive home in which he has since resided.

In June, 1871, Mr. Barnett was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Wilson, a daughter of John and Lydia (Pearson) Wilson, both of whom were natives of South Carolina. They removed to Ohio in an early day and in 1827 went to Indiana, in which state the father followed farming until 1853, when he came to Iowa, settling on a farm a half mile from Earlham, in Dallas county. There he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active business career, accumulating twenty-four hundred acres of valuable and productive land and giving each of his children a quarter section. His demise occurred on the 1st of September, 1881, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 15th of December, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have two children, namely: Ralph W., who is a miner of Cripple Creek, Colorado; and Arthur B., the proprietor of the Progressive Welding Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Barnett gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is a Methodist in religious faith, while his wife was reared a Quaker. He still maintains pleasant relations with his soldier comrades as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and proudly wears the little bronze button of the organization. He has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey and his career has ever been such as to win and hold the friendship and esteem of those with whom he has come in contact.

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### HENRY CARROLL KELSO.

Although extensively engaged in the real-estate business in Mitchell, South Dakota, Henry Carroll Kelso still retains his residence in Winterset, where he is widely and favorably known. He was born on the 11th of June, 1848, in Abingdon, Knox county, Illinois, a son of Joseph C. and Augusta (Graham) Kelso and a grandson of Joseph Kelso, who with four brothers emigrated to America in an early day from Kelso, Scotland, the town being named for the family. The five brothers settled in South Carolina and Joseph Kelso was well known in the locality of which he became a resident. He was twice married and had two children by his first union, Joseph and William, and four by his second, John, Brainard, Marcus and Amarilla. The mother of our subject was a native of Kentucky and was descended from John Hays. On the 10th of October, 1852, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Kelso arrived in Winterset, having made the journey overland from Illinois. At that time there were but comparatively few settlers in the county and much of the land was not yet under cultivation. Mr. Kelso rented a farm for two years and then for a short time operated a limekiln. Upon abandoning that pursuit he entered the general mercantile business. While engaged in farming he planted some Kentucky blue grass which is credited as being the first grown not only in the county but also west of the Mississippi. He planted the grass in his yard in order to please his wife who was from Kentucky. They spent their last days in Mitchell, South Dakota, where he died at the age of eighty-one years and she at the age of eighty-four.

Henry Carroll Kelso had but meager educational opportunities, as the early schools of this county were of necessity primitive and limited in curriculum. In 1869, in company with his father, brother and brother-in-law, he went to Buena Vista county and filed upon land, each getting eighty acres. In 1870 he removed to his claim and began its operation. In 1877 the father sold his land and removed to Mitchell, South Dakota. Our subject continued to reside in Buena Vista county and engaged in the implement business at Alta, that county. In 1895 he disposed of his interests there and was for some time engaged in the real-estate business in Brownsville, Tennessee. In February, 1896, he returned to Winterset and established his home here. For three years he was in the hardware and implement business as a clerk of J. F. Tate and subsequently was for two years a traveling salesman in Nebraska for the Deering Harvester Company. In 1902 he went to Mitchell, South Dakota, and entered the real-estate field there, in which connection he has since been successful. He buys, sells and trades land and has handled much valuable property in that locality. He sold forty-six quarter sections of land in Dakota to friends who never saw the land, which statement speaks for itself, and he still owns an interest in four hundred and eighty acres in South Dakota. He has business interests in Winterset and resides here.

On the 11th of November, 1875, Mr. Kelso was united in marriage with Miss Hattie W. Herren, a native of Vermont, and they have had two children: Gertrude C., the wife of J. A. Ramsey, an undertaker of Winterset; and Roscoe B., who died in Goldfield, Nevada, in 1906.

Mr. Kelso is a republican and for eleven years served as township trustee while living in Buena Vista county. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church of Winterset and are earnest supporters of the work of that organization. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is one of the best known men in Madison county and nothing but good is heard of him as a business man or as a citizen.

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### JAMES HENRY BLACK.

James Henry Black was one of those pioneer farmers of Madison county who had a part in the work of developing a prosperous and highly cultivated agricultural region from a wild stretch of prairie. He was justly held in high honor in the county and his death, which occurred in Winterset on the 31st of May, 1914, was a loss to the community. He was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, a son of James Henry Black, Sr. He was one of a family of five sisters and four brothers and was the last to pass to the great beyond.

Mr. Black received his education in Pennsylvania and remained there until he was twenty-seven years of age, removing from his native state to Carthage, Illinois, in 1854. A year later he continued westward and prospected in various parts of the middle west in search of an advantageous location, as he had decided to devote his life to farming. He walked and rode across southern Iowa and went as far as Denver, Colorado. He then returned eastward and came to Douglas township, Madison county, which so pleased him that he at once purchased a farm, upon which he lived for many years. He paid eleven dollars per



acre cash in gold which he had carried in a buckskin belt on all of his journeys. The farm comprised a quarter section but at that time only five acres had been broken and a log house had been erected thereon. His first task was to make a fence around the cultivated ground and he accordingly split rails for that purpose. Like most of the pioneer farmers, much of his work was done with an ox team and before many months had elapsed he had the greater part of his land under cultivation. In the early days in addition to farming he outfitted six mule teams and freighted farm products from Warren and Madison counties to Denver, Colorado, across the treacherous Missouri and other streams, running the risk of attack by hostile Indians upon the plains. He was very successful in all of his undertakings, his determination enabling him to surmount all obstacles that seemed to prevent him from accomplishing his purpose. As the years passed he not only improved and developed his own farm but also aided in community projects, such as building bridges, locating roads and erecting schoolhouses and churches. He was a man of marked public spirit and the growth of the county was a source of as much pleasure to him as his own material prosperity. When the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad was built into this part of Iowa he was among the first to realize something of the great benefit that it would be to the community and subscribed one hundred dollars toward securing it for Winterset. Seven years before his demise he retired from active life and removed to Winterset, where his last days were spent in peace and quiet. He passed away at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Mr. Black was married near Winterset in July, 1857, to Miss Charlotte Shafer, a daughter of Henry and Betsy (Meyers) Shafer, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively. The father removed to Switzerland county, Indiana, and there followed farming for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Black were born seven children: Abner, George M., Harry and Mrs. C. W. Brown, all of Winterset; Mrs. O. E. Hardy, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mrs. Jennie McGee, of Denver, Colorado; and Frank, who died in Winterset, December 9, 1911.

Mr. Black was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a thorough student of the Bible, which he found an unfailing treasure-house. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, whose measures and candidates he supported at the polls. He was greatly attached to his family and found more pleasure at his own fireside than in outside connections. He was, however, genial and hospitable in spirit and had many friends, whom he valued highly and who much enjoyed his society. His life was characterized by industry, public spirit and integrity and Madison county is the gainer for his having been a resident thereof.

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#### WILLIAM W. GENTRY.

William W. Gentry, a retired farmer living in Winterset, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, July 30, 1841, a son of William and Sarah (Wright) Gentry, both of whom were born in 1815, the former in Kentucky and the latter in Virginia. Their marriage was celebrated in Indiana and they were residents of that

state when it was still largely timbered and when there were few evidences of white settlement. Mr. Gentry cleared his land and built a log house, which served as the family residence. He farmed there until 1841, when he removed with his family to Worth county, Missouri, which was also a frontier district, and he remained there until 1847, in which year he and his family came to Madison county, Iowa. They made the trip with wagons and ox teams and upon arriving here they found but very few settlers and again it was necessary to break land, erect a log house and endure the privations that of necessity fall to the lot of the pioneer. There were deer, wolves and turkeys and even a few elk and smaller game of all kinds in the county at that time and Indians were numerous but always friendly. Provisions were hauled by ox teams from St. Joseph, Missouri, and most of those comforts and luxuries which we today consider indispensable were unknown at that time. Nevertheless the lives of the early settlers had many pleasant features and, most important of all, there was the consciousness of performing a work that would not only benefit themselves but also those who came after them. Mr. Gentry displayed noteworthy public spirit and enthusiastically cooperated in the measures undertaken to advance the welfare of his community, assisting among other things in building bridges and log schoolhouses. The early settlers were compelled to do those things that the people of this day have done for them and became remarkably self-reliant and independent. Mr. Gentry made shoes for his family, which numbered eleven children, while his wife carded, spun and wove wool besides making the clothes for the family. Matches were scarce and they often had to carry fire from a neighbor's or else start one by striking flint in gunpowder and tow, a flax preparation. The homestead was in Union township and was purchased from the government at a dollar and a quarter per acre. At the time of his death in 1861, at the age of forty-six years, Mr. Gentry had two hundred and forty acres of land near Winterset and was known as a successful agriculturist. In addition to general farming he raised a good grade of English, or as they are now called, short-horn cattle. He was one of the leaders in political affairs, helped to organize the county, was one of the first county supervisors, was deputy sheriff and served in all of the township offices. He was also one of the first three directors of the independent school district of Winterset. His ballot was consistently cast in support of the candidates and measures of the democratic party. His religious allegiance was given the Hardshell Baptist church and he reared his family in that faith. His wife, who was also a Baptist, died in Heppner, Oregon, June 16, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years.

William W. Gentry first attended school in a double log house, which was also used as the courthouse in Winterset, and later was a student in the district schools of Union township. The benches of those early schools were but rough slabs hewn out of logs and the other furnishings were correspondingly primitive. He was the fifth child in order of birth in his father's family and at the time that he reached manhood was the only son living upon the homestead. He therefore remained with his mother, assisting in the work of the farm until a couple of years after his marriage. He then rented a farm and as his financial circumstances permitted purchased land until at the time of his retirement from active life in 1913 he owned three hundred acres. He was not only energetic but also efficient, planning his work to the best advantage, and his labors were rewarded

by good crops annually. He also devoted a great deal of attention to stock-raising, specializing in shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

On June 23, 1864, Mr. Gentry married Miss Elinor J. Atchison, a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, born May 5, 1844, and a daughter of John and Jane (McDonald) Atchison. The father was born in Chenango county, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1811, and passed away in April, 1887, while the birth of the mother occurred in Ohio June 19, 1817, and she passed away in May, 1877. Mr. Atchison was a shoemaker and about 1860 removed from Ohio to Winterset, Iowa, where he continued to follow his trade. His son Martin was a soldier in the Civil war and was taken prisoner at Vicksburg and was never heard from thereafter. A number of years before his death Mr. Atchison removed to a farm belonging to our subject and followed agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and active in its work.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry are the parents of ten children: Margaret, the wife of H. E. Farris, a farmer of southwestern Missouri; John, who is now farming in Union township and who was formerly county superintendent of schools; Byron, who is married and is farming in South township; Sarah, who died when seventeen years of age; Belle, the wife of Dana M. Palmer, a veterinary surgeon of Ottawa, Illinois; William Francis, who is married and is engaged in farming in Lincoln township; Alexander, who died at nine years of age; Sylvia E., at home; Minnie M., the wife of A. P. Stickler, a farmer of Union township, by whom she has two children; and Mac, who is married and works in a garage at Winterset.

Mr. Gentry is a democrat and has held various township offices, discharging his duties to the satisfaction of his constituents. He is always willing to do anything in his power to promote the development of his locality and believes thoroughly in Madison county and the excellence of the opportunities here offered to a man of energy and ability. Practically his entire life has been spent in this county, where he accompanied his parents when but six years of age, and for almost seven decades he has been a witness of the wonderful changes that have taken place here and derives much satisfaction from the thought that he has done his share in bringing about the present prosperity of the county.

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#### P. M. McNAMARA.

P. M. McNamara, a prosperous citizen and representative agriculturist of Madison county, operates a well improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 2, Lincoln township, and also owns another place of eighty acres in the same township as well as two hundred-acre tracts in Union township. His birth occurred in Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 25th of April, 1858, his parents being Martin and Mary (Linane) McNamara, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Their marriage, however, was celebrated in Des Moines, this state. Martin McNamara emigrated to America when twenty years of age and for a year and a half was employed at railroad work in Toronto, Canada. In 1854 he came to Iowa and traveled by stage from Burlington to Des Moines. There he was employed as a teamster, hauling goods from the Mississippi river to Des

Moines, until 1867, when he took up his abode on a tract of rented land in Lee township, Madison county. About 1870 he purchased a tract of brush and prairie land in Union township and began its development and improvement, there successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits until he passed away in 1908. The period of his residence in this county covered more than four decades and his demise was deeply regretted by all who knew him. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and in religious faith both he and his wife were Catholics. The latter was called to her final rest in 1912. Their children were five in number, namely: P. M., of this review; Mary, who resides on the old home farm in Union township; John and James, both of whom follow farming in Union township; and Margaret, who is the wife of Hugh Rogers, of Warren county.

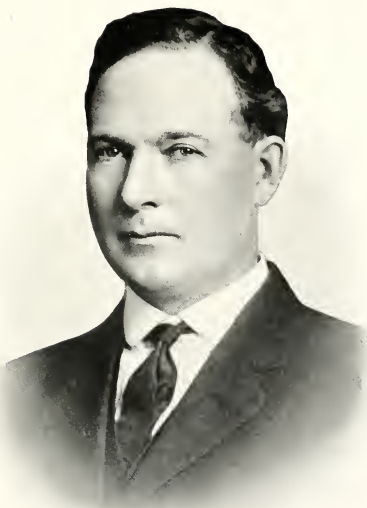
P. M. McNamara was reared to manhood on the homestead and attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education. When twenty-one years of age he began to learn the plumber's trade but abandoned that occupation and for seven years devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he again turned his attention to the plumbing trade and for twenty years was a member of the firm of Wallace & McNamara, plumbers of Des Moines, doing an extensive business in Iowa, Kansas and other states that sometimes amounted to one hundred thousand dollars in one year. Eight years ago he sold out and purchased his present farm of one hundred and eighty acres on section 2, Lincoln township, known as the Beerbower place. There was a good set of buildings on the property, but he has made extensive improvements in the way of tiling and the farm is now very valuable and productive. Mr. McNamara makes a specialty of fancy registered Polled Angus cattle and feeds from two to four carloads of cattle and hogs annually. He also owns another excellently improved farm of eighty acres in Lincoln township, as well as two one-hundred-acre tracts in Union township, and is widely recognized as a progressive and prosperous agriculturist of the community. He was made president of the Winterset Savings Bank in 1912, serving for one year, and has been a director of the institution since 1908. He is likewise interested in the Iowa Live Stock Insurance Company and in the First National Fire Insurance Company of Washington, D. C.

In April, 1896, in Des Moines, Mr. McNamara was united in marriage to Miss Ella Burke, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he has two children, Ernest and Margaret. The religious faith of the family is that of the Catholic church. Mr. McNamara is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has always lived in this part of the state and has won a host of warm friends here.

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#### ELMER K. COLE.

Among the men whose initiative and business ability have been used not only to secure their own advancement, but also to further the commercial growth of Winterset is Elmer K. Cole, co-partner in the Scarless Remedy Company and Munson Manufacturing Company, both of Winterset. He is a native of this county, born on the 10th of May, 1877, a son of John S. W. and Flora (Kester)



ELMER K. COLE



Cole. The father, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1847, accompanied his parents to Ohio in 1855, and ten years later came with them to Douglas township, this county. He immediately began farming here and successfully managed his agricultural and live-stock interests. He became owner of one of the first threshing machines in Madison county and followed threshing in the fall of the year for several years. In 1874 he was married to Miss Flora Kester of Dallas county, Iowa, and to this union were born six children, five daughters and one son: Ethel, Elmer K., Bertha, Elizabeth, Lenore and Lela, all growing to maturity except Lela, who died at the age of four months.

In 1879 the Cole family removed from Douglas township to Scott township, where they resided until 1893, when they moved to Winterset. During the active years of his life John S. W. Cole was a public-spirited and progressive citizen, taking part in the affairs of his township and county. During his residence in Winterset he was engaged in different lines of business until his health failed and he was forced to retire, passing away in 1906. He was an active member of the greenback party and later of the populist party. His wife, a daughter of Aaron Kester, was born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1850, and came with her parents by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river to Keokuk, Iowa, and overland to Palmyra, Warren county, Iowa, in 1855. At that time Palmyra was the center of a large Quaker settlement, and Aaron Kester having been raised a Quaker naturally sought those of the faith of his fathers. He was engaged in the mercantile business in Warren county for some time. His wife passed away a short time after their arrival in Iowa, leaving three small children, who were taken back to Ohio and cared for by friends until the father had made a new home for them. In the early '60s the Kester family removed to Guthrie county, Iowa, where they resided for several years. Flora Kester secured an education in the public schools of Guthrie and Dallas counties and was a successful teacher prior to her marriage. She is at the present time making her home with a daughter in Jasper county, Iowa.

Elmer K. Cole received his education in the district schools of Scott township and during parts of two winters spent in the grade schools of Winterset. He followed farming until the year 1896, when he became interested with his father in the general delivery business in Winterset, which he followed for a short time, later being employed in a furniture store. In 1897 he began taking private lessons in short hand and in 1898 began work as a stenographer in the law office of J. P. Steele and C. A. Robbins, where he read some law. In 1900 he became interested with I. J. Ketman in the manufacturing of Scarless Liniment, and spent several years in placing this preparation on the market, first by canvassing the country selling to farmers and stockmen, and later selling to the trade. This venture was the beginning of the Scarless Remedy Company, which now has a line of fourteen preparations for stock and poultry which are sold quite generally over the central part of the United States. In 1913 he became associated with I. J. Ketman, H. H. Munson and Clarence Macumber in the formation of a new concern known as the Munson Manufacturing Company, which makes the Little Daisy revolving cultivator shields and which has proven to be a great improvement over the old style shields. Mr. Cole finds that his connection with the two above named concerns makes heavy demands upon his time and is concentrating his attention upon directing those industries.

In 1903 Mr. Cole married Miss Alberta Veneman, who was born and grew to womanhood on a farm near Maxwell, Story county, Iowa, a daughter of Hon. W. J. and Margaret (Kirby) Veneman, who were born in Indiana and came to Iowa in an early day, the father being one of the early settlers at Cory Grove, Polk county, Iowa. In 1861, when but seventeen years of age, he became a member of Company B, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, enlisting at Des Moines. He served throughout the Civil war, and at one time was taken prisoner and confined at Milan prison for several months. Following the close of the war he returned to Polk county, Iowa, and there taught in the rural schools for a time. In 1866 he was married to Margaret Kirby and in a short time removed to Story county, Iowa, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Veneman has always been active in political and religious circles, was a member of the legislature in 1898 and 1900, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife passed away in 1912. They were the parents of six children, Mrs. Cole being the fifth in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Donald V., born June 6, 1904; Dorothy, born October 23, 1906; and Elizabeth, whose natal day was the 27th of May, 1909. Mrs. Cole is quite active in church and Sunday-school work, and the Cole residence is a favorite meeting place for the many friends of the family.

Mr. Cole is one of the leaders of the progressive party and has been chairman of the county organization since the birth of the party. In 1912 he was appointed mayor of Winterset and his administration was characterized by the efficient management of municipal affairs, as he applied the principles of business to the government of the city. On the 29th of March, 1915, he was elected to that office for a term of two years. He does not allow his business and political interests to monopolize his time, however, and is quite prominent in church circles, being a trustee in the First Baptist church, and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His energy and efficiency have made it possible for him to take an active part in still other phases of the community life, and he was one of the men who made the Madison County Chautauqua Association a success. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and is at present junior warden of the local blue lodge. Men such as he, notable alike for their ability and public spirit, are among the best assets that a community can have, and he is deservedly held in the highest respect by his fellow citizens.

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#### G. M. GROUT.

G. M. Grout, who is the proprietor of a feed, coal and grain store in Winterset and also owns a sale barn here, is a well known and esteemed resident of this city. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, November 1, 1856, of the marriage of John Chester and Charlotte (Winchel) Grout. The father was born on the 1st of November, 1828, in the state of New York, and the mother in Randolph, Portage county, Ohio, on the 29th of November, 1836. They resided in Knox county, Illinois, for a number of years and the father followed agricultural pursuits there, continuing in that occupation after the removal of the family to Winterset in 1872. He died in 1906, and his wife still survives him.



G. M. Grout received his early education in Knox county, Illinois, and was later for one year a student in the schools of Nebraska, in which state the family lived for a short time. Subsequently he concentrated his attention upon helping his father with the farm work and so continued until he was twenty-one years of age. He then rented a farm for two years, after which he purchased seventy-six acres in Scott township, this county, having lived frugally and husbanded his resources with the end in view of becoming a landowner. After cultivating his place for four years he traded it for an eighty-acre tract, upon which he remained for ten years. In the meantime he had bought what is known as the Walnut Grove farm in Scott township, an excellent place, comprising one hundred and ten acres. After operating that farm for ten years he sold it and purchased the Cox farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, also in Scott township, upon which he remained for six years. He divided his attention between the cultivation of the soil and the raising of stock and found that the two phases of work coordinated well. In 1907 he removed to Winterset and turned his energies into mercantile lines, opening a feed, coal and grain business, in connection with which he conducts a sale barn. In the eight years that he has been a factor in the commercial life of Winterset he has demonstrated his business ability, shrewdness and energy and has the respect of all who have had dealings with him.

On the 25th of December, 1878, Mr. Grout married Miss Luella Compton, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Salisbury) Compton, who removed from Indiana to Warren county, Iowa, in the early days of the history of this state. About 1860 they took up their residence in Madison county and the father, who was a miller by trade, found employment in the old Buffalo mills, one of the first mills in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Grout have five children: Grace, who married William H. Blake, of Winterset; Walter F., of South Dakota, who married Miss Bessie Young, by whom he has a daughter, Ethel; Ray, a farmer in Scott township, who married Miss May Buchanan, by whom he has two children, Nelson and Russell; Elsie, who married Robert Danforth, of Winterset, by whom she has a son, Halstead; and Delos, at home.

Mr. Grout votes the republican ticket, as his views upon political questions coincide with its principles, and he has been elected to a number of township offices. The high standard of ethics to which he adheres is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and his life is an influence for good in his community. He is public spirited and although the greater part of his time is given to the conduct of his business interests he is glad to cooperate with measures that seek to upbuild his community along lines of business, civic and moral advancement.

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#### CHRISTIAN FREY.

Christian Frey was for a number of years actively and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in this county but now lives retired at Earlham, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Butler county, Ohio, on the 25th of January, 1847, his parents being John and Catherine (Stookey) Frey, the former a native of France and the latter of

Germany. They emigrated to the United States in 1833, locating in Butler county, Ohio, where the father carried on farming until 1855, when he removed to Illinois. In that state he purchased a farm and throughout the remainder of his life devoted his attention to its operation, passing away in 1859. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1880.

Christian Frey, who was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, acquired his education in the schools of that state and remained at home until he had attained the age of eighteen. He then secured employment as a farm hand and was thus engaged for seven years, while subsequently he cultivated rented land until 1895. In that year he came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased and improved a farm in Jackson township which he operated for several years. On disposing of that property he bought an excellently improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he cultivated continuously and successfully until March, 1912, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in Earlham, where he owns a pleasant home and now resides in honorable retirement.

On the 31st of December, 1872, Mr. Frey was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Troyer, a daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Miller) Troyer, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They took up their abode in Illinois at a very early day and in that state the father carried on farming during the remainder of his life, passing away in 1889 at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife was eighty-two years old at the time of her demise in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Frey have been born ten children, as follows: Eva, who died at the age of sixteen months, in 1876; Nellie, who gave her hand in marriage to Fred Lentz, a farmer of this county; Walter, who passed away when two years old; Maggie, who is the wife of Jesse Rehard and resides in Montana; George, an agriculturist of Madison county; Willie, who died when two years old; Alpha, who died at the age of eight months; Harry, who operates his father's farm south of Earlham; Jesse, who makes his home in Montana; and a twin brother of Jesse who died at birth.

Mr. Frey gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith is a Methodist. He has come to be known as a man of tried integrity and worth, commanding by reason of his upright and honorable life the respect, confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

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#### BARNETT WILSON.

Barnett Wilson, a retired farmer who has resided in Earlham since 1907, has lived in this part of the state for nearly six decades and was long and actively identified with agricultural interests here. His birth occurred near Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, on the 23d of April, 1841, his parents being Thomas and Ruth (Barnett) Wilson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The paternal grandparents of our subject removed to the Buckeye state in 1803 and it was



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in that year that the birth of their son Thomas occurred. The latter went to Indiana in a very early day and purchased a half section of land in Marion county, which he cleared and improved, operating the place until November, 1857, when he drove with his family across the country to Madison county, Iowa, with an ox team. They drove twenty head of sheep and forty head of cattle before them. Thomas Wilson had previously entered some land in this county and on his arrival here he purchased the north half of section 16, Penn township. It was upon the southeast quarter of that section that the first house in Penn township was erected, it being a pioneer log cabin. Improving the property, Mr. Wilson operated it successfully for a number of years. The remainder of his life was spent in honorable retirement at Earlham and his demise occurred while he was visiting a daughter in Polk county, March 10, 1888. His wife passed away on the 12th of May, 1885. They were among the earliest settlers of this county, and at the time of their arrival there were only seven voters in Penn township, four republicans and three democrats. They became the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in Indiana, while ten accompanied them to Iowa. The record is as follows: Margaret, Hulda, Seth, Jesse, Barnett, Christopher, Charles, Tamer and John, twins, Martha, Ruth and Jane. Five of the number are now living.

Barnett Wilson acquired his education in the schools of his native state and was a youth of sixteen years when the family home was established in Madison county, Iowa. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-two years of age and subsequently cultivated rented land for two years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Dallas county, a mile and a half from Earlham. Later he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and ninety-five acres of productive land and is a valuable and highly improved property. For twenty-five years he made a specialty of shorthorn cattle and he also raised Poland China hogs and Percheron and Morgan horses, his live-stock interests adding materially to his income. In 1907 he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Earlham, where he bought a pleasant and commodious residence and has since made his home.

On the 20th of March, 1864, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Thamson Haines, a daughter of William J. and Elizabeth (Lippincott) Haines, both of whom were natives of Burlington county, New Jersey. They removed to Ohio in an early day and subsequently took up their abode in Randolph county, Indiana, where Mr. Haines followed agricultural pursuits and also conducted a hotel until 1858, when he came to Iowa, purchasing and improving a farm in Guthrie county, which he operated for a number of years. His last days were spent in honorable retirement in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, his death occurring on the 22d of October, 1891. For four years he had survived his wife, who passed away in September, 1887. Their children were three in number, namely: Ner B., Thamson and Rebecca A. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been born five children, as follows: Lizzie, Nellie, Mary, Ida and William J.

In his political views Mr. Wilson is a progressive, stanchly advocating the principles of the party as set forth by Theodore Roosevelt. While living on the farm he served as trustee and also in the capacity of school director, proving a capable and trustworthy public official. His religious faith is that of the Friends

church. He has now passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey and his record cannot fail to prove of interest to many of our readers, being that of one of Madison county's well known and most respected citizens.

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### JOHN A. GUIHER.

Among the successful attorneys of Winterset is numbered John A. Guiher, who was born in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, in 1858, a son of Dr. James and Rebecca (Throckmorton) Guiher. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1820, passed away in June, 1869, and the mother was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, in 1834, and lived until March, 1908. Dr. Guiher attended the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia and upon completing his course began the practice of medicine, becoming a physician of Waynesburg, where he remained until about 1865. His health failed at that time and he removed to a farm near that city and for some time devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, but on recovering his health he returned to Waynesburg, where he engaged in the mercantile business until the time of his death. He was identified with the Methodist church but was willing to uphold the work of all churches and was very liberal in his contributions. He was a republican and was one of the leaders in political circles in his locality. He was also very active as a temperance worker. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom John A. Guiher is the eldest.

The last named attended the Waynesburg College after completing his preparatory work and was for a while a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. Before this time, or when he was eighteen years of age, he had learned the painter's trade, which he followed for two years. In preparation for the legal profession he entered the law office of Wyly, Buchanan & Walton and pursued his study there. When in the law school in Philadelphia he was for nine months in the office of Vaux & Arnold, of that city. In 1881 he was admitted to the bar in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and practiced his profession there until September, 1883, when he came to Winterset. He associated himself with A. R. Dabney and the firm became known as a reliable and able one. He now has as a partner his brother, W. T. Guiher. They engage in the general practice of law and are represented in much of the most important litigation in the courts of the county. Our subject is also a director and stockholder in the Madison County State Bank, which he aided in organizing in November, 1889. He likewise owns land in the county. From 1897 to 1901 he was county attorney and proved aggressive and efficient in that capacity. Mr. Guiher was appointed railroad commissioner by Governor Clarke in January, 1915, to succeed N. S. Ketchum, deceased, of Marshalltown, Iowa.

In June, 1891, Mr. Guiher was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Evans, who was born in Winterset, Iowa, a daughter of E. W. and Maria L. (Faurote) Evans. The father was born in Granville, Ohio, and the mother's birth likewise occurred in the Buckeye state. The father passed away in 1870 but the mother is living with her daughter in Winterset. Mr. Evans came to Iowa in the late

'50s and was engaged in the butcher business and was also interested extensively in real estate, owning four hundred acres of farm land and town property as well. He was quite a young man when he died but was one of the substantial men of the county. He dealt in live stock in addition to his other interests and found that a profitable business. Mrs. Guiher is the only child born to her parents.

Mr. Guiher is a republican and since attaining his majority has taken a keen interest in political affairs. He is at present serving as school director. His religious allegiance is given to the Presbyterian church and for several years he has been an elder. Fraternally he is well known, belonging to the Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As a man and as a lawyer his conduct has measured up to the highest standard and the respect which is generally accorded him is to be ascribed to his integrity and unswerving rectitude as well as to his professional ability.

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### C. E. JESSUP.

C. E. Jessup, a representative of one of the pioneer families of this county, is farming in Lincoln township. His birth occurred in that township on the 18th of April, 1862, and his parents were Isaac and Melinda (Brinson) Jessup, both natives of Indiana. The father was born in Switzerland county on the 10th of May, 1824, and the mother's natal day was the 1st of January, 1824. They were married in the Hoosier state and in 1847 removed to Linn county, Iowa, but the following year came to Madison county and settled in Lincoln township, where Mr. Jessup entered forty acres of land from the government, paying the usual price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. He entered several other tracts, which he subsequently sold. He was a cooper by trade and as his sons grew up he left most of the work of the farm to them, as he preferred to follow his trade. He was probably the first cooper in the county and was an expert workman. At a certain time of the year he gathered hickory poles, which he used for hoops and which lasted him for about a year. He also split white oak staves and put them where they would dry, thus becoming suitable for use. The cooper's adz which he used has been presented by his son to the Madison County Historical Society. He also had a sorghum mill on his farm, which at first had wooden rollers, although he later installed cast rollers. He was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at Winterset in Company F, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on the 15th of July, 1862, and on the 28th of that month was transferred to the Invalid Corps. When he first came to this county there were but very few settlers, conditions were most primitive and prices for both labor and commodities were low. He found work at splitting rails at twenty-five cents a hundred, but on the other hand he bought meat at ten cents a pound. For eighteen months he carried corn on his back to the Buffalo mills, where it was ground, and then carried the meal home, where it was converted into breadstuff for the family. In that day wheat bread was almost an unknown luxury. Mr. Jessup was much interested in the establishment of good schools and gave the land where the Washington school was located. He passed away on the 14th of March, 1902, and was survived for several years by his widow, who died on the 28th of June, 1907. To them were

born eight children, namely: Harvey, who lives in Oklahoma; Joseph Marshall, who passed away in Wisconsin; Mary Elizabeth, who died in infancy; John Milton, who died when a child of two years; Daniel H., a resident of this county; William O., who is farming in Lincoln township; George T., a farmer of Adair county; and C. E., of this review.

The last named was reared in Lincoln township and received but limited schooling. When twenty-three years of age he married and began farming on his own account. He has continued to follow agricultural pursuits and is cultivating an excellent farm comprising eighty-nine and three-fourths acres of fertile land on section 7, Scott township, and on sections 12 and 13, Lincoln township. He does general farming and his land yields him an income that is sufficient for his needs.

Mr. Jessup married Miss Ora L. Owens, who was born in Jackson county, Indiana, on the 20th of August, 1870, a daughter of James and Mary E. (Harrell) Owens, natives of Indiana, who in 1872 removed to this county. The father has passed away, but the mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Jessup are the parents of seven children: Bessie, who became the wife of C. W. Wright and died suddenly at her home in California; Bertha, the wife of John Evans, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Pearl, now Mrs. Walter De Bord, of Winterset; Hazell Etta, who gave her hand in marriage to Chester Evans, of this county; and Opal E., Alvin and Meta, all at home.

Mr. Jessup is a republican in his political views and is loyal in his support of his party. He has in his possession various interesting relics of pioneer days, including a bedspread woven by his mother more than sixty years ago. Since 1848 the name of Jessup has been well known in this county and as all who have borne it have been men and women of fine character it is held in high esteem.

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### JAMES ABRAHAMS.

James Abrahams is successfully operating a fine farm which he owns on section 24, Douglas township, and is recognized as a good citizen and able agriculturist. He was born in Miami, Indiana, June 5, 1845, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Kelso) Abrahams. The father was born in Virginia on the 7th of June, 1794, and having removed to Indiana as a young man, he followed agricultural pursuits there, cultivating land which he owned. On the 7th of August, 1854, he came overland to Madison county, Iowa, and bought land for a dollar and a quarter per acre. However, the land which he bought for his home place was improved to some extent as there was a cabin upon it, considerable fencing had been done and some of the land was broken, and for this tract he paid fifteen dollars an acre. At that time there were only three houses between his home and Winterset and the prairies still stretched unbroken as far as the eye could see. He was married in Ohio to Miss Sarah Kelso, who was born in that state in 1806, and there were eleven children in the family when removal was made to this state in 1854. It required four wagons to bring them and their household belongings and the journey was a long and tedious one. After the home had been established here there were many privations to be endured and the big snow



storms of the first few years were noteworthy, as they were so heavy that it was necessary to tunnel a way from the house to the barn. Mr. Abrahams owned four hundred and forty acres in Grand River township besides the home farm in Douglas township and the care of his property required his undivided attention. He gave the district the use of land near his home as long as it was occupied by a schoolhouse. At that time oxen were used exclusively in farm work and some idea of the extent of his operations may be obtained from the fact that he used from ten to fifteen yoke. Only two of the eleven children born to him and his wife are now living, the brother of our subject being a resident of Texas.

James Abrahams, who was the ninth child in order of birth, pursued his studies in a log schoolhouse in Indiana and attended the early district schools in Douglas township, this county. He remained at home with his parents and cared for them during their declining years, his father passing away in March, 1877, and his mother July 11, 1884. Following their deaths he came into possession of the homestead and has continued to operate it until the present time. It comprises one hundred and twelve acres of land and is in a high state of cultivation, as he has always followed approved methods of farming and has spared neither time nor energy in developing and improving it. He engages in general farming and stockraising and the gratifying measure of prosperity which he is enjoying is well deserved. As a young man he was compelled to haul provisions from and drive stock to Keokuk or Eddyville, as there were no railroads in this county.

In 1879 Mr. Abrahams married Miss Carrie Sargent, who was born in Mokense, Kankakee county, Illinois, a daughter of Levi and Rebecca (Beedle) Sargent. Her uncle, John R. Sargent, was one of the early settlers of this county. Both her father and mother were born in Fountain county, Indiana, the former's birth occurring in December, 1829, and the latter's natal day being the 8th of October, 1831. Levi Sargent was a farmer, carpenter and wagonmaker, having learned his two trades from his father, and while living in Illinois he worked at carpentering and wagonmaking. In the late '60s he came west to Iowa, settling in Union township, Madison county, and continued to follow his trades, being connected with Gould & Howell, who were in the implement business in Winterset. His eyesight partially failed as the result of a wound sustained in the Civil war and he was compelled to give up that work. He enlisted in the Union army from Mokense, Illinois, in 1862, as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and became first lieutenant. He participated in many engagements, including those of the siege of Vicksburg, and his record was in all respects one of which he had just cause to be proud. He was honorably discharged in 1864. In 1883 he removed to the state of Washington, where his death occurred in 1901, and his widow is still living at Aberdeen, that state.

To Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams have been born four children; William B., owning and operating a farm in Douglas township, married Miss Grace Wescott, by whom he has two children, Clyde and James; Walter, a farmer of Jackson township, married Miss Vergie Eldridge, by whom he has a son, Dean; Laura is keeping house for her father; Leonard is attending school at Winterset. The wife and mother has been an invalid for ten years but her courage and cheerfulness have equalled the devotion with which the family have ministered to her. Al-

though she is a member of the United Brethren church she has reared her children in the Baptist faith and has taught them to live lives of uprightness and consideration for others.

Mr. Abrahams has never been active in political affairs but has served as school director, thus expressing his interest in the public-school system. He has so ordered his life that it has contributed to the moral advancement and material prosperity of his community, and the name of Abrahams is an honored one in his locality.

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### J. M. KILLAM.

J. M. Killam, senior member of the Hall & Killam Lumber Company, of Truro, Iowa, is a successful and highly esteemed business man and a public-spirited citizen. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 30th of June, 1847, a son of Timothy and Rebecca Ingram (Billings) Killam, who were married in Hartford, Connecticut. The birth of the father occurred in that state and his wife was also of Yankee stock. Following their marriage they settled in Clayton county, Iowa, and were among the very earliest residents of that section of the state, as they were the third family to locate between Dubuque and McGregor, then known as Fort McGregor. The father preempted land and the family continued to live there for about twenty-three years. In 1867, however, a removal was made to Madison county and they settled on Coon Divide, south of Van Meter. Later that place was sold and they removed to Adair county, where the father passed away about 1896. In their family were six children, four sons and two daughters, being in order of birth as follows: Maria, the wife of Goodliff Brooker, of Earlham; Elizabeth, the wife of George Brooker, of Van Meter, Iowa; J. M., of this review; C. D., a resident of Morningside, Sioux City; T. I., of St. Charles; and George M., of Denver, Colorado.

J. M. Killam attended district schools in Clayton county, Iowa, and the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. During the Civil war he served for seven months in the Union army in the commissary department, and after leaving the Federal service located in Delaware county, Iowa, but the next year came to this county and entered the mercantile field at Patterson. A year later he removed his store to St. Charles, where he was in business for seven years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm and in partnership with his brother, C. D. Killam, also engaged in the lumber business in St. Charles. Fifteen years later he sold out his interests and removed to New Virginia, where for two and a half years he conducted a lumber business, selling out at the end of that time to the Lee Lumber Company. His next removal was to Truro, where he opened a lumber yard, conducting the business alone until March, 1912, and then took his son-in-law, Ray Hall, into partnership under the firm name of the Hall & Killam Lumber Company. Mr. Hall was made manager of the concern, Mr. Killam retiring from active business. Since that time he has been the silent member of the well known firm, which has a gratifying patronage in its line. The business community of Truro holds Mr. Killam in high respect, as he has many times demonstrated his





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ability to cope successfully with vexing financial and business problems and as in all of his dealings he has steadfastly adhered to honorable principles.

Mr. Killam was married on Christmas Day, 1867, to Miss Elocia Josephine Finney, who was born on the 21st of May, 1850, of the marriage of Nelson and Matilda (Bowersmith) Finney. Her father was born in Franklin county, New York, on the 20th of March, 1821, of English descent, and her mother was a native of Licking county, Ohio, born on the 6th of April, 1823. On the 16th of September, 1842, they were united in marriage by Rev. Daniel Long, in Union county, Ohio. About 1855 they left that state and made their way to Washington county, Iowa, whence after a year they removed to Adair county, west of Winterset. The father purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land on the line between Madison and Adair counties and planted the famous Walnut Grove there. This farm was considered the family homestead but in 1860 a removal was made to Adams county, the family residing in Nevenville while Mr. Finney went to Pike's Peak and Salt Lake City in search for gold. Upon his return in 1868 he purchased a farm in Penn township, Madison county, south of Dexter, and resided there until 1873. In that year he took up his residence in Winterset, where for four or five years he conducted a store, and upon selling that business he bought land in Lincoln township, which he operated until 1896, when he disposed of it and removed to Winterset, where he continued to reside until his demise, which occurred on the 3d of February, 1900. He was a pioneer and possessed those qualities of perseverance, independence and dauntless courage that characterize those who first take up their abode in a new country. He accumulated considerable property but did not confine his attention to material affairs, as he realized the value of the moral and civic development of a community. He was one of the consistent and active members of the Christian church for many years and did much to further its work. All of his children were well educated and well trained so that they became useful and honored citizens of their respective communities. Ruhama, who was born on the 6th of August, 1843, died on the 19th of January, 1900. Diadamah, who was born on the 10th of September, 1845, married Wesley Prather on the 24th of December, 1865, and they are now residents of Texas. Their son Elmer is a hypnotist with a large hospital in Paris, France, and is quite wealthy. Much of his work is that of hypnotizing patients who have to undergo operations. Alonzo and Lorenzo, twins, were born on the 6th of March, 1847. Alonzo married Alice Garrettson and they reside in Winterset, and Lorenzo, who married Sarah Gordon, also lives in Winterset. Christiana, whose birth occurred on the 29th of October, 1848, became the wife of John Epperson. Elocia Josephine, the wife of our subject, is the next in order of birth. Sarah, whose natal day was the 6th of September, 1852, married J. M. Hall and resides in Winterset. John W., born September 30, 1855, married Miss Laura Lunbeck. Melissa, who was born on the 12th of February, 1857, died in infancy. Electa, whose birth occurred on the 10th of August, 1859, married John McDowell and they reside in Des Moines. Benjamin, the youngest of the family, was born on the 27th of December, 1861, and is a resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Killam were born eight children. Elmer N., who was born on the 4th of January, 1870, and is working in a sash and door factory in Denver, Colorado, married Miss Agnes Sherard. Cora, born April 21, 1873, became the

wife of Luther Lyons, a farmer living near St. Charles, and they have three children, Blanche, Dorothea and Clarence. Grace, whose natal day was the 6th of June, 1878, is the wife of J. R. Hall, of Truro, and they have a daughter and son, Clara and Raymond. Herman, born October 16, 1883, is now living in St. Charles. He married Miss Catharine McManus. Elizabeth, whose natal day was the 2d of February, 1885, is the wife of R. E. Erb, a barber of St. Charles, Iowa. Maude, whose birth occurred on the 1st of June, 1887, gave her hand in marriage to Elmer D. Goodrich, a farmer of Ohio township, and they have five children, Mary, Ralph, Glen, John and Opal. Clarence, who was born on the 2d of September, 1875, died January 4, 1884; and Mabel, born March 23, 1880, died January 16, 1884.

Mr. Killam is a republican and is also unflinching and unwavering in his support of the temperance cause, refusing absolutely to vote for any man that does not stand for temperance. For four years he was mayor of Truro and during that time he stood firmly for prohibition, no matter how strong the opposition. For forty-four years he and his wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church and for thirty years he has taught the Bible class in Sunday school. For twenty-three years his wife has been teacher of the infant class and the extent of their influence cannot be estimated. There is no office in the church that he has not held and for forty years he has been a member of the official board, while for twenty-five years he has been recording steward. His sincerity and loyalty to his convictions has commanded the respect that is always given to honesty and courage, and there is no more esteemed citizen of Truro than J. M. Killam.

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#### R. A. HOLMES, D. D. S.

Dr. R. A. Holmes has been continuously engaged in the practice of dentistry at Earlham for the past twelve years and is the only representative of his profession in the town. His birth occurred in Warren county, Iowa, on the 17th of March, 1879, his parents being William A. and Elizabeth (Ogle) Holmes, who were natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, removed to Warren county, this state, in an early day and there purchased and improved a farm which he operated successfully for a number of years or until the time of his retirement. In 1910 he removed to California, passing away in that state on the 25th of December, 1912. His wife was called to her final rest in the year 1884.

R. A. Holmes acquired his early education in the public schools and continued his studies in Simpson College of Indianola, Iowa. Subsequently, having determined upon a professional career, he entered the College of Dentistry of Drake University at Des Moines, which institution conferred upon him the degree of D. D. S. in 1903. In that year he opened an office at Earlham, Madison county, where he has remained continuously to the present time, being the only dentist of the town and enjoying a well merited and gratifying practice. With the progress of the profession he keeps abreast through his membership in the American Dental Society and the Iowa State Dental Society.



On the 29th of November, 1905, Dr. Holmes was united in marriage to Miss Viola Garmon, a daughter of N. O. and Julia (Johnson) Garmon, who were born in Michigan and Indiana respectively. They took up their abode among the pioneer residents of Union county, Iowa, where Mr. Garmon successfully followed farming for a number of years. Eventually, however, he put aside the active work of the fields and came to Earlham, where for four years he conducted a lumber business. At the present time he makes his home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Dr. Holmes has supported the men and measures of the republican party, believing firmly in its principles. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In both social and professional relations he holds to high ideals and has commanded the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

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J. S. EGY.

Although he has taken up his residence in Winterset and is living to a large extent retired, J. S. Egy still spends much time upon his farm, finding it impossible to content himself with a life of inactivity. His birth occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of March, 1851, his parents being David and Martha (Hughes) Egy, both natives of that county, the former born in 1824. They were married on the 7th of December, 1847, and in 1854 came to Iowa, settling on government land in Lincoln township, Madison county. They lived in a log cabin until our subject was past twenty-one years of age and their surroundings were in all respects those of a pioneer region. Mr. Egy entered one hundred and twenty acres of land from the government and in time brought it to a high state of cultivation. He passed away in 1869, when in the prime of life. His parents were of German birth and his mother never learned to speak English. The maternal ancestors of our subject were Scotch and Welsh. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. David Egy, namely: Jonathan, now living in Alberta, Canada; J. S., of this review; G. M., who is residing in Kansas; Sarah E., who died in young womanhood; and David P., who lives on the old homestead in Lincoln township.

J. S. Egy was not quite four years of age when he accompanied his parents to Iowa from Pennsylvania but he remembers quite distinctly being on a boat and later upon a train. At the Mississippi river the family were met by a man named Samuel Myers, who lived on what is now the Brock farm in Lincoln township, and he transported the family and their household goods by team to this county. Mr. Egy grew up amid pioneer conditions and well remembers the time when it took three days to make the trip to and from the mill to get the wheat ground. There were corn crackers, or mills for grinding the corn, on Middle river, but flour mills were quite a distance away. It is worthy of note that the father was so enterprising that he raised wheat the first year of his residence in this county, a rather unusual achievement. When past twenty-one years of age J. S. Egy left home and removed to O'Brien county, Iowa, where he homesteaded

land and lived for six years. Upon his return to this county he purchased a farm in Lincoln township which he operated until he retired and came to Winterset. His property comprises one hundred acres and is excellently improved, although it was but slightly developed when it came into his possession. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and gained an enviable reputation for industry, perseverance and good management. He now rents the farm but spends quite a little of his time there and often aids in the farm work.

Mr. Egy has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Emily Wellman, a native of Cass county, Iowa, who died leaving two children: Sarah, who keeps house for her father; and a son, John, who has passed away. For his second wife Mr. Egy married a Mrs. Neel, who is also deceased.

Mr. Egy is a republican and for six or seven years held the office of township trustee. He resides in a comfortable home on South Seventh avenue in Winterset, and has many friends in the city as well as in the township where he resided for so many years.

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#### G. W. GILLELAND.

G. W. Gilleland, the efficient steward of the county farm, is a native of this county, born on the 8th of September, 1807, of the marriage of David W. and Nancy (Nichols) Gilleland. The father was born in Hope, Bartholomew county, Indiana, on the 10th of August, 1839, and when a boy removed to this county from the Hoosier state, the journey being made in a wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen. He witnessed many interesting events in pioneer days of this region and experienced the life of an early settler with all of its hardships and struggles but with its compensating sense of worthy achievement. On the 2d of April, 1862, feeling that the need of his country was paramount to all else, he accordingly enlisted in Company F, Fourth Iowa Infantry. He saw much active service, being at the front for four years and four months and taking part in the battles of Pea Ridge, Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the first battle of Jackson, fought on the 4th of May, 1863, the siege of Vicksburg, the second battle of Jackson, on the 12th of July, 1863, and the battles of Lookout Mountain and Ringgold. On the 22d of September, 1863, he left Vicksburg and went by way of Corinth to join General Sherman. His company was with Hooker at Lookout Mountain on the 24th of November and at Missionary Ridge on the day following. Mr. Gilleland fought in over thirty battles and met the enemy in eight Confederate states. His company had the remarkable record of never being repulsed. On the 3d of September, 1865, he was mustered out and returned to Winterset, where he worked until 1868, and then began farming in Douglas township. He was the owner of forty acres of well improved land and resided there until his death, which occurred on the 19th of March, 1902. He was buried in the Worthington cemetery. He was very active in local republican circles and held a number of township offices. He was always seeking to promote the progress of his community and his energy and enthusiasm enabled him to accomplish much along that line. His wife, who was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, on the 24th of July,

1839, is still living and resides with two of her children in Des Moines. There were seven children in all and four are residents of this county.

G. W. Gilleland received his education in the district schools of Douglas township and when but sixteen years of age began working as a farm hand, receiving eleven dollars a month for his labor. For twelve years he was so employed and then rented land, which he operated on his own account. In 1889 he was appointed assistant steward of the county farm and was in charge of the insane there for three years. In March, 1914, he was made steward and has proved an excellent man for the place. He understands the peculiar problems that confront him and manages affairs so as to save the county unnecessary expense and yet provide well for those who are the county's wards.

On September 24, 1892, Mr. Gilleland married Miss Cynthia Harrison, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, a daughter of James and Martha (Hamilton) Harrison. Both of her parents were natives of the Hoosier state, the former born November 20, 1839, and the latter May 6, 1840. Mr. Harrison removed to Illinois when of age and resided there for some time. He afterward settled in Johnson county, Iowa, and he and his family lived upon a farm there until 1876. In that year a removal was made to Madison county, the family home being established in Webster township, where the father became a well known farmer and stock-raiser. He was prevented from enlisting in the Union army because of defective eyesight but his two brothers, John and Joseph, became Union soldiers and one gave his life in defense of his country. James Harrison was throughout life a republican and took considerable part in local political affairs. He passed away on the 16th of August, 1907, and is survived by his widow, who resides in Winterset. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilleland has been born a son, Albert, whose natal day was July 12, 1894, and who is now assistant manager of the Citizens Lumber Company of Winterset. He entered the employ of that concern early in March, 1914, as driver of a wagon, and his ability won him unusually rapid promotion. Mr. and Mrs. Gilleland have a niece, Cynthia A. Harrison, who makes her home with them.

Mr. Gilleland is a staunch republican and has held many township offices and his official record has always been one of honor. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Madison Lodge, No. 136, at Winterset, and he is also a member of the Maccabees, in which he has been master of the guard. He is widely known throughout the county and is popular as a man and as an official.

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#### E. VINCENT NICHOLS.

E. Vincent Nichols, a farmer of Madison township, who has won a deserved reputation for progressiveness and ability, is a native son of this county, born December 10, 1869. His parents, George T. and Mary C. (Johnson) Nichols, were both born in Indiana, whence the father removed to this county in 1854, buying land in Madison township. That farm remained the family home for many years and there both the father and mother passed away, the former on the 3d of March, 1888, and the latter on the 2d of January, 1909. Mr. Nichols erected the Worthington Methodist Episcopal church in Madison township.

E. Vincent Nichols grew to manhood upon the home farm and acquired his education by attending the country schools in his neighborhood, while much of his time was devoted to farm work, as he assisted his father more and more as his strength increased. Upon putting aside his textbooks he concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits and remained with his mother until he was thirty-one years of age. He then bought an eighty-acre tract of land near the Worthington church and began farming for himself. After eight years he sold that place and bought his present farm, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres and is situated on section 23, Madison township. He has spared neither thought nor time in his endeavor to make it one of the best improved places of the county and its excellent condition bears testimony to his energy and good judgment. He raises nothing but thoroughbred stock, specializing in shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep, and the sale of his stock yields him a gratifying addition to the income received from his general farming.

Mr. Nichols married Miss Gertrude A. McIntyre on the 20th of June, 1896. She is a daughter of Robert and Rhoda (Finley) McIntyre, the former born in Maine and the latter in Ohio. Mr. McIntyre devoted the greater part of his life to school teaching, first following that profession in Illinois and later in Cass county, Iowa, where the family resided for twenty-two years. He passed away in 1894, but his widow is still living and makes her home in Des Moines. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have four children, namely, Verde, George, Howard and Ray, all attending school.

Mr. Nichols is an adherent of the republican party and is consistent in his support of its policies. In religious matters his belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and both he and his wife are members in good standing of the local society of that denomination. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and his relations with his fellowmen are in harmony with the spirit of that great friendship upon which the order is based. The use of approved methods of agriculture, combined with industry, foresight and excellent judgment as to financial affairs, has made Mr. Nichols a prosperous agriculturist and makes certain his continued success in his chosen occupation.

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#### JOHN RISER, SR.

John Riser, Sr., is one of the best known stock-raisers of Madison county and has been very successful in breeding thoroughbred Belgian horses. He was born in Berne, Switzerland, on the 24th of November, 1843, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Witmer) Riser, also natives of that country. The father was a farmer and passed his entire life in the land of the Alps, dying there in 1901. He had survived his wife for two years.

John Riser, Sr., was reared and educated in Switzerland and as a young man was employed as a farm hand there. In 1860, when twenty-six years of age, he became convinced that more favorable conditions awaited him in the new world and, accordingly, emigrated to America. He made his way to Ottawa county, Ohio, and settled on land in what was known as the Black Swamp. He improved and operated his property for five years and then traded it for land in Clermont



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township, Fayette county, Iowa. He turned his attention to its development and improvement and later added to his holdings until he became the owner of four hundred acres. After cultivating his land there for twenty-eight years he sold it and removed to Madison county, buying a half section of land on sections 8 and 17, Madison township. He subsequently purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 29. While living in Fayette county he engaged in the dairy business, keeping only Holstein cattle and making a great deal of cheese. Since coming to this county he has turned his attention to the breeding of Belgian horses, and the name of Riser & Sons is associated with thoroughbred stock. His farms are all well improved and are operated by his sons in partnership with our subject, who lives upon a ten-acre tract in Earlham, where he has resided for thirteen years. Their stock-raising interests are extensive and profitable and they have fine young horses for sale at all times.

Mr. Riser was married on the 17th of November, 1864, to Miss Maria Hunziker, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Hunziker, natives of Switzerland. The father, who was a farmer, passed away in that country in 1852, and in 1870 his widow and her children came to America, settling in the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee. She passed away there on the 14th of September, 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Riser have been born ten children, of whom five daughters and two sons survive, the latter being in partnership with their father, as before stated. Six of the children were present when Mr. and Mrs. Riser celebrated their golden wedding, November 17, 1914, at their home in Earlham.

Mr. Riser is independent in his political views, feeling that in order to secure honest, efficient government it is necessary to decide public questions without reference to the dictates of party bosses, who serve their own ends rather than the public good. He has always manifested a praiseworthy interest in community affairs and served for six years upon the Clermont school board in Fayette county, being president thereof for a number of years. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and is thoroughly in sympathy with the purposes and ideals of the craft. His religious faith is that of the Reformed Swiss church and he is equally loyal to that organization. He has succeeded above the average in agriculture and in the raising of fine horses and has not only gained individual prosperity, but has also contributed to the development of his county along those lines and is justly entitled to the place of leadership which he holds in agricultural and stock-raising circles.

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#### WILLIAM A. CHACE.

Among the esteemed residents of Winterset is William A. Chace, a retired farmer who owns two hundred and sixty acres of land in Douglas township. He is a native of Indiana, born in Boone county, on the 13th of February, 1844, a son of Augustus and Jane (Blades) Chace. The birth of the father occurred in New York on the 27th of April, 1802, and as a youth he learned the cooper's trade, which he followed in Indiana. He became the owner of a farm there and also followed agricultural pursuits to some extent. In 1848 he left the Hoosier state and came to Madison county, Iowa, here entering land. He then

returned to Indiana but the following year brought his family to this county and established his home in Douglas township, his farm being cultivated by his son-in-law, while he operated a grist mill at Somerset, Warren county, for a couple of years. He then returned to his farm in Douglas township. He was a school director when the Stringtown school was built and served acceptably as justice of the peace. He became one of the substantial men of his township, owning six hundred and forty acres of land on which he carried on general farming and stock-raising. His wife's father, Thomas Blades, was a slave owner, but, becoming convinced of the iniquity of the practice before the war freed one hundred slaves voluntarily. To Mr. and Mrs. Chace were born thirteen children, of whom our subject is the youngest and only two of whom are living, both in Iowa. Nine of the thirteen children were left widowers or widows and Augustus Chace took some of the grandchildren to his home and reared them to years of maturity. Both he and his wife were charter members of the West Star Methodist Episcopal church in Douglas township and their faith was manifest in their daily lives.

William A. Chace attended school in a log cabin which was also used for a blacksmith shop and the only seats were rough benches, the other furniture being correspondingly rude. As a boy it was often his task to take corn to be ground at the old Buffalo mill and from his early childhood he assisted to the extent of his strength in the work of the farm. He remained upon the homestead and aided in its operation until he was thirty-six years of age, although previous to that time he had bought land of his own. He is now the owner of the one hundred and sixty acre farm which his father entered from the government and he derives a good income therefrom. While he was actively engaged in agriculture he raised the usual cereals and also paid considerable attention to the raising of high grade stock. In 1911 he removed to Winterset and has since lived retired, enjoying a leisure that is the more pleasant because truly deserved.

In 1880 Mr. Chace married Miss Viola Rutledge, who was born in Wapello county, Iowa, in 1856 of the marriage of Archibald and Mary J. (Johnston) Rutledge. Her father's birth occurred upon the ocean while his parents were crossing to this country from Ireland, his natal day being the 31st of July, 1825, but he always claimed New York city as the place of his nativity. His death occurred on the 1st of May, 1892. His wife, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1826, was called to her reward on the 8th of August, 1886. Mr. Rutledge resided in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, for some time, removing to Wapello, Iowa, in 1851. He became a merchant of Eddyville, owning a general store, and many of the pioneers of the surrounding region were his customers. In 1862 he came to Douglas township, this county, purchased land and began farming. He followed agricultural pursuits until 1885, but in that year he retired from active life and passed his declining years with a daughter on the farm. He was a republican and did much to secure the success of the party in his locality. He was equally loyal to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member, and served faithfully as a steward thereof. He was one of the charter members of the West Star church in Douglas township. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom Mrs. Chace is the third in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children: Elsie Branaman, a trained nurse who is at home; Lee, who married Miss Nota Stark, a grand-



daughter of Richard Bruce, a well known pioneer of this county, to which union have been born three children, Clarence, Cecil and Hubert; and Edna, the wife of Ersey Griffith, a farmer of this county, by whom she has two sons, Robert and Paul.

Mrs. Chace is one of the leaders in church and Sunday-school work and also belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Chace is a republican and was for six years school director. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and attends services both in Douglas township and in Winterset. His life has been a successful one both as regards attainment of material prosperity and as regards the gaining of stanch and loyal friends.

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### GEORGE COX.

George Cox, a leading carpenter of Winterset, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, on the 6th of August, 1850, the third in order of birth of the twelve children born to Eli and Mary (Mills) Cox, natives respectively of Clinton county, Ohio, and Tipton county, Indiana. The birth of the father occurred in August, 1825, and that of the mother in 1826. Eli Cox was reared upon a farm and as he grew to manhood his knowledge of agricultural work increased. When twenty years of age he learned the carpenter's trade and while still living in Ohio erected a number of barns and other buildings. In 1856 he came overland with his family to this county, settling on section 36, Madison township. Returning to Cincinnati, he there had a sawmill built, which was shipped to Keokuk and thence hauled by ox teams to North river, where it was put up in 1857. It was the only sawmill in that region and did a large business. Mr. Cox engaged in contracting and erected a number of the early bridges in this county. During the last years of his activity in that line he built two of the finest barns in the county, one for David Mills in Madison township, and the other for George Miller in Jefferson township. The Cox family only resided in Madison township for about a year, as in 1858 they removed to section 5, Union township, where the father owned about eleven hundred acres of land. He hired others to cultivate the fields and care for the stock, while he devoted his time to contracting. He was affected by the hard times of 1856 and 1857 but later retrieved his losses. He held a number of local offices and in the late '60s served as county supervisor from Union township. His religious faith was that of the Quakers. His demise occurred in 1885 and he was survived for many years by his widow, who passed away in 1909.

George Cox attended the pioneer schools of this county, the schoolhouse being built of logs, the furniture and curriculum being equally primitive. When eighteen years of age he began to assist his father in the operation of the latter's sawmill and continued to conduct the mill after the father's death until 1895. He has much mechanical ability and, being a skillful workman himself, he refuses to tolerate any slipshod work from those in his employ. As a contractor he has erected many of the better structures in the county and in 1894 and 1909 served as foreman of the county bridge gang. For many years he lived in Union township, where he owned land, and he gave some attention to farming, although that

occupation is not at all congenial to him, and most of the time he left the operation of his farm to others. In 1908 he removed to Winterset, where he is still residing.

On the 6th of January, 1878, Mr. Cox was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Mills, who is a native of Jefferson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Enos and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Mills, both born in the Hoosier state, the former in 1819 and the latter in 1821. Mr. Mills, who was a carpenter by trade, came to Madison county in 1850 but found conditions so much those of the frontier that he started to return to Indiana. Stopping off in Jefferson county, Iowa, he lived there until 1857, when he returned to Madison county and settled in Douglas township upon the place that he had selected as a location in 1850. He farmed and worked at his trade in this county until 1866, when he removed to southwestern Missouri, where he remained until 1873. He then took up his residence in Atchison, and later went to Rice county, Kansas, where he again turned his attention to carpentering. He was working at his trade with his son when he met death by accident. He was a very active member of the Church of Christ and quite frequently preached. He passed away in 1886, having survived his wife since 1859.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have six living children: Viola, the wife of Jed Osborne, a farmer of Walnut township, by whom she has two children, Mildred and Lorraine; Letta, the wife of E. W. Jones, a farmer of Nebraska, by whom she has four children, Millard, Doris, Donald and Eldridge; Sylvanus, a farmer of Nebraska; Casper, who is following agricultural pursuits in Walnut township, this county; Elsie, who gave her hand in marriage to H. I. Killion, a farmer and school teacher of Bourbon county, Kansas; and Herman, who was born on the 4th of July, 1894, and is associated with his father in the contracting business. He married Miss Beulah Light and they have a daughter, Iva Viola.

Mr. Cox is a republican and has held a number of township offices. Fraternally his affiliation is with the Masonic order, belonging to both the blue lodge and chapter of the York Rite. He has a deservedly high reputation as a contractor and he is equally esteemed as a citizen and as a man.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE WRIGHT.

William Wallace Wright, a retired farmer and an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic of Winterset, was born in Ontario, Canada, on the 26th of February, 1836, a son of Charles and Diana (Mott) Wright, the former born in New York in 1799 and the latter in the Dominion of Canada about 1807. The father accompanied his parents to Canada when he was but a boy and was reared there. He followed farming during his active life and was well known in his community, although retiring in disposition. He passed away in 1839 when but forty years of age and was survived by his widow until 1888.

William Wallace Wright was the third in a family of four children and his educational opportunities were those afforded by the public schools in the neighborhood of his home and the public schools of the state of New York, as the family removed there in 1848. Ten years later he returned to Canada, where



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he resided until 1861, in which year he came again to the States, settling in Des Moines county, Iowa. His energies were utilized in farming and in working in a mill until 1863, when he felt it to be his duty to assist in the preservation of the Union and accordingly he enlisted in December of that year in Company D, First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. He served until the 15th of February, 1866, when he was discharged at Austin, Texas, and returned to Des Moines county, Iowa. In 1867 he removed to Ohio township, Madison county, and acquired title to land here. He cast in his lot with the agriculturists of the county and was successful in the work of cultivating the soil and raising stock. In 1881 he removed to Scott township, where he resided until 1893, when he put aside the cares and responsibilities of active life and removed to Winterset, where he is now living retired. He owned one hundred and forty-two and a half acres of land and as his place was well improved and kept in fine condition it was one of the valuable properties of his neighborhood.

On the 13th of September, 1866, Mr. Wright was united in marriage with Miss Sarah McMaken, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 14th of March, 1843, a daughter of John Lowrey and Eliza (Cummins) McMakin, both born in Butler county, Ohio, the former in 1815 and the latter in 1818. Mr. McMakin passed away in Burlington, Iowa, in 1898, having survived his wife for many years, as she died in Des Moines county in 1870. He farmed in Ohio, but feeling that better opportunities awaited the agriculturist in the west, he came to Iowa in the fall of 1838 to attend land sales. The following year his family came with a colony of settlers, making the trip down the Ohio and up the Mississippi in a chartered boat. He owned three hundred and twenty acres of excellent land, and although it was unimproved when it came into his possession he made it a well developed farm. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and was active in building a number of houses of worship in the early days. All public affairs were of interest to him and he was always eager to cooperate with others to secure the general good.

Mrs. Wright has always lived in Iowa and has experienced many of the privations that were the inevitable accompaniments of pioneer life. In her girlhood she attended the first schools of Des Moines county, which were then held in log schoolhouses, and also assisted her mother in the many and varied duties that fell to the lot of the pioneer women. Many tasks that are now done outside of the home in those days were performed by the women of the household, and theirs was a busy life indeed. Added to the never-ceasing work there were the severe winters to be endured, the absence of the conveniences and comforts of a later civilization and at times a sense of loneliness, but the women of that early day proved themselves of courageous spirit and did their part not only willingly, but even gladly, rejoicing in the fact that homes were being builded in the west and that in time the country would be upon as high a level of civilization as the eastern states. As Mrs. Wright grew to womanhood she assumed more and more responsibility, and since her marriage she has proved a helpmate indeed, and Mr. Wright gives her much of the credit for the success that he has gained. Both are earnest members of the Methodist church and he is also connected with Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and values highly the opportunity of meeting with his comrades in blue. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and he takes a commendable interest in all public movements.

He is honored and respected not only as a man of known integrity and as a successful farmer, but also as one who in the nation's hour of peril unflinchingly stood by the Union.

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### GEORGE W. EYERLY.

George W. Eyerly is actively engaged in farming in Douglas township and as an old soldier is entitled to the respect of those who are enjoying the prosperity of our united country—united because such men as he offered themselves in its defense. He was born in Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1843, a son of Samuel and Mary Ann (Thuma) Eyerly. The father, who was of English and Scotch descent, was born in Maryland, May 2, 1803, and the mother, who came of Holland Dutch parentage, was born in Pennsylvania in 1814.

Samuel Eyerly learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and followed that occupation for many years, although after his sons were grown he turned his attention to farming and for a considerable length of time he both cultivated the soil and did carpentering, being a landowner in Ohio. In 1846 he removed to Washington county, Iowa, settling on Dutch Creek Prairie. At that time there were but few families living in the county and there was nothing to be seen but the grass-covered prairies, an occasional grove of oaks and innumerable wild pigeons. Deer had not yet disappeared and Mr. Eyerly was sometimes able to kill them while standing in his cabin door. His first work upon his arrival was to erect a log cabin, which remained the family home for some time. He found considerable demand for his trade as new settlers came into the country and he built many of the first frame houses in Washington county. In that early day the rivers were important highways and he removed from Ohio to Washington county by boat, making the trip from Cincinnati to Keokuk by that means. In 1858 he removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he became the owner of valuable land. Two years later, however, he went to Jasper county, where he farmed and followed his trade until 1863, in which year he came to Madison county, settling in Crawford. He worked at carpentering and farmed a small tract of land with the assistance of his youngest son, James Harlan, three of his sons having enlisted in the army. A short time prior to his death he returned to Jasper county and passed away there in May, 1867. He was very prominent in the early Methodist Episcopal church in Iowa and while living in Washington county helped to organize the first church of that denomination there. He was especially interested and active in Sunday-school work, feeling that to influence the children is to determine the lives of the men and women of tomorrow. He served acceptably as justice of the peace but had no ambition for other office. His indignation was aroused by slavery and he was a leader in abolition circles in this state. He built the first mill on Skunk river, which was known as the Smedley mill and was located near Brighton, this state. His wife survived him for many years, passing away in 1900.

George W. Eyerly attended the common schools in Washington county and at Brighton, Iowa, but his education was not confined to lessons learned in books, as through assisting his father he learned much of value concerning agricultural

work. He was engaged in farming when the Civil war broke out and, feeling that his country needed his services, he entered Company E, Fortieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, enlisting on the 11th of August, 1862, in the face of parental opposition. Before he was eighteen years of age he had drilled with the Second Iowa Cavalry and desired to enlist then but his father thought he was too young. His brother, Captain J. B. Eyerly, was a member of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served for four years. He afterward located near Newton, Iowa, where he became very prominent and well known. He died on the 11th of March, 1907. Another brother, William Eyerly, was also a member of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was killed in the siege of Atlanta. George W. Eyerly participated with his regiment in the battle at Jenkins Ferry on Saline river, in Arkansas, and there was wounded, a spent bullet passing through his knapsack and clothing, causing a surface wound, which gave him very little trouble, however. He was also in the siege of Vicksburg and was under the command of General Grant. He was mustered out on the reservation of the Cherokee Nation, August 16, 1865, at Fort Gibson.

Mr. Eyerly then returned to his home in Madison county and resumed work as an agriculturist. Although he has passed the three score years and ten allotted to man by the Psalmist he is still performing his part in the world's work and is operating his farm. He raises the crops best suited to the soil and climate of the state and also keeps some stock, and his wise management of his affairs insures him a good profit on his year's work. He raises shorthorn cattle and Shire horses and has exhibited a number of the latter at the county fair.

On the 9th of December, 1865, Mr. Eyerly was united in marriage to Miss Martha Angeline Howell, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, who was born February 18, 1849, and died in 1892. She was a sister of Lanson Howell, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Eyerly were born thirteen children: Louella M., the wife of S. M. Cocklin, a mail carrier and farmer of Ridgeway, Missouri, by whom she has nine children; Vinson Arthur, a farmer of Madison county, who was born July 4, 1868, and died on the 26th of February, 1905, leaving a widow and two children; Alice E., who gave her hand in marriage to Graham Scott, a farmer of Ridgeway, Missouri, by whom she has three sons and two daughters; Virgil E., born March 10, 1872, who is farming his own land near Earlham, in Dallas county, Iowa, and who has three children; Frank L., a landowner and farmer of Union township, born October 1, 1874, who is married and has three children; William C., born October 31, 1876, who owns land in Grand River township and who is married and the father of six children; Charles L., born December 26, 1878, who is farming in Douglas township and who has four children; Earl E., born June 12, 1881, who is a farmer and auctioneer residing in Grand River township and who is the father of three children; George R., who was born April 6, 1883, and died December 25, 1888; Loren H., born December 18, 1885, who resides in Hamill, South Dakota, and has three children; Ray V., born December 16, 1887, who is farming in Jackson township and has three children; Fred R., born December 24, 1889, who is farming in Jefferson township and has two children; and Ralph H., who was born May 1, 1892, and died November 5, 1901.

On the 31st of December, 1897, Mr. Eyerly was again married, Miss Clara Bailey becoming his wife. She is a native of this county, born in Douglas town-

ship of the marriage of Moses and Mary (Chandler) Bailey. Her father's birth occurred on the 15th of January, 1825, and her mother's in 1832. Mr. Bailey is still living but his wife died on the 6th of August, 1911. He learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and was for a number of years a cabinetmaker. He also learned the jeweler's trade. In 1853 he came to Winterset and founded one of the first jewelry stores in the town. He also became a landowner and upon retiring settled upon his farm, spending much time in the care of his bees and flowers. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom Mrs. Eyerly was the ninth in order of birth. She was reared in the Quaker faith but is now identified with the Christian church and has taken an active part in the work of both the Christian and Methodist Episcopal churches situated in her locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Eyerly have been born seven children: Beulah, born January 17, 1899; Emerson, born on the 30th of October, 1900; Howard R., born May 8, 1904; John Hugh, whose birth occurred November 25, 1905; Mabel, born April 29, 1907; Lloyd W., born February 21, 1909; and Samuel O., born December 26, 1910. Mr. Eyerly is the father of twenty children, has forty-one grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He has always supported the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and has served acceptably as trustee. Since 1857 he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and in addition to giving money for the building of the first West Star Methodist Episcopal church he gave the ground upon which the structure was erected. He has held office in both the church and Sunday school and his life has been a strong factor in the moral advancement of his community. He also holds membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., at Winterset. The measure of success that he has gained has been due entirely to his energy and good judgment and the high place that he holds in the estimation of his fellow citizens is the reward of his integrity and uprightness.

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#### HENRY LEVEKE.

Henry Leveke, a native of Germany, is one of the substantial, well-to-do farmers of Winterset, owning five hundred acres of excellent land in this county and three hundred and twenty acres in Adair county. He was born June 11, 1847, in the province of Lippe-Detmold, the region in which the Germanic tribes defeated the Roman legions in 20 B. C. His parents, Henry and Amelia (Sanders) Leveke, were both born in that province, the former in 1813 and the latter two years later. Henry Leveke, Sr., was a mason and had the reputation of being an excellent workman. He was employed at his trade in the erection of many important structures, including the castle and other buildings owned by the Prince of Lippe-Detmold at Schieder. He served his term in the German army, was burgomaster of his town and was an elder in the German Reformed church. He was not only prominent but was popular and sincerely respected in his community. His first wife died in 1852, leaving five children, and he subsequently remarried, having one son by his second wife. He passed away in 1879 when about sixty-six years of age.



Henry Leveke of this review was the third in order of birth of six children and remained with his father and stepmother until 1867, when, not wishing to enter the army, he left for the United States in company with a sister and made his way direct to Herman, Gasconade county, Missouri, where he lived with an uncle. He had previously learned the mason's trade, which he there followed for one year, but in 1868 came to Winterset and was employed on the erection of the courthouse and also worked on some of the better residences of the county. In 1869 he worked at his trade in Des Moines and later assisted in building the state house. In the meantime he had invested his savings in land in Adair county and in 1872 began farming on section 25, Grand River township, that county. He raised, fed and shipped stock extensively, and his financial resources steadily increased, as he managed his affairs wisely. From time to time he bought more land, eventually acquiring five hundred acres in Madison county and three hundred and twenty acres in Adair county. In 1903 he retired and took up his abode in Winterset, where he is now living in well earned leisure. His success has not been due to any fortuitous advantages but solely to his willingness to work and ability to plan his labor so as to secure the greatest possible results.

On the 19th of March, 1871, Mr. Leveke married Miss Rosina Augustine, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, on the 6th of March, 1851, a daughter of Christian and Margaret Augustine, both natives of Germany. The father was a carpenter and cabinetmaker, learning his trade in Germany, and in 1857 took up his residence in Adair county, Iowa, where he became the owner of considerable land in Grand River township. He specialized in the raising of high grade stock and was very successful in that occupation. As a workman in his trade he was painstaking and skillful. Mrs. Leveke passed away on the 19th of November, 1908. She was the mother of nine children. Mary Amelia is the wife of Rev. Camphoefner, a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, stationed at Webster City, Iowa, and they have three children. Fredericka gave her hand in marriage to John Kleinschmidt, bookkeeper in a wholesale house of St. Louis. Frederick, born March 4, 1877, became a well known farmer and passed away on the 4th of March, 1910. Henry, whose birth occurred on the 10th of February, 1879, is a successful farmer in Webster township, Madison county. Mary is the wife of S. M. Joliffe, a jeweler of Logan, Iowa, and they have one child. Rosa is the widow of Elmer Minshall and also lives in Logan. Ernest, born June 26, 1886, is a city advertising solicitor for the Des Moines Daily News. He is married and has one child. Harry W., born December 18, 1891, is married and is farming the homestead in Adair county. Ruth, the youngest of the family, is studying music at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

On the 1st of January, 1912, Mr. Leveke was united in marriage with Miss Clara E. Perkins, for many years a prominent teacher of this county. She is a daughter of E. G. and Rose (Merrill) Perkins, more extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Leveke is a republican with progressive views and has taken an active part in public affairs in this county. He has held all of the township offices, was secretary of the school board for ten years and since removing to Winterset has served on the school board several terms, much of the time as president, and for two years has been councilman. He is equally active in the work of the Meth-

odist Episcopal church and while living upon the farm was for seventeen consecutive years superintendent of the Sunday school of Wesley Chapel of Webster township, this county, and contributed generously to the erection of the church edifice. During the many years that he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits he not only accumulated a handsome competence but also aided in the development of this section of the state along the lines of farming and stock-raising and at all times he has done his share and more in promoting the moral and civic advancement of his community. All those who know him, and his circle of acquaintances is a wide one, entertain for him sincere respect and there are many who value highly his friendship.

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### C. P. CLINE.

C. P. Cline, the proprietor of the Pilot Grove Farm on sections 3, 4 and 9, Penn township, is especially interested in the raising of thoroughbred stock. He is a native of the county, born in Douglas township on the 3d of November, 1854, and a son of Frederick and Mary (Williamson) Cline, both natives of Ohio, the father of Ross county and the mother of Guernsey county. The mother accompanied her parents upon their removal in 1836 to what is now Louisa county, this state, although it was then a part of Wisconsin territory. The father also settled in Louisa county at an early day and there they both grew to maturity, met and were married. In 1854 they came to Madison county and entered land in Jackson township, the father devoting the balance of his life to farming here. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting at Winterset, and was promoted to the rank of corporal. He passed away on the 9th of November, 1881, and was survived by his widow until the 7th of May, 1893.

C. P. Cline was reared in Jackson township, where he attended the public schools and thus prepared himself to take an intelligent part in the life of his community. He received other training, however, that was equally as valuable, as under his father's instruction he early learned practical methods of agriculture. After his father's demise he assumed charge of the home place, which he cultivated until 1889. In that year he removed to Penn township and purchased two hundred and eighty-four and a half acres of land on sections 3, 4 and 9. He immediately began its improvement and has since operated it, being very successful as a general farmer and as a stock-raiser. He specializes in thoroughbred Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle. For many years he fed one hundred and fifty head of cattle annually but as he has acquired more than a competence he is now taking things somewhat easier and feeds only about a carload per year. He has other business interests aside from his farm, being a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank of Earlham and president of the Pitzer Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Pitzer.

On the 25th of March, 1892, Mr. Cline was married to Miss Laura Eppard, a daughter of J. A. and Jane (Weaver) Eppard, natives of Virginia, who became residents of Madison county at an early day in the history of this part of the state. The father engaged in farming here until 1914, when he and his wife removed to St. Charles, where they are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Cline have





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become the parents of four children: Pearl, the wife of Emanuel Bilz, who is conducting the Iowa Hotel of Des Moines; Ruth, now Mrs. Glenn Trapp, of Des Moines; Fred, who died when two years of age; and Blanche, who passed away in 1894 when but seven months old.

Mr. Cline is a democrat in politics, is a member of the Christian church and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. These associations indicate much concerning his interests aside from business and in all relations of life he is willing to discharge the duties devolving upon him. He has served for two years as trustee of his township and last November was re-elected to that office, his excellent record commending him to his constituents.

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### J. W. GRAVES.

J. W. Graves, who is successfully operating his fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township, was born in Stark county, Illinois, in 1870, a son of Joseph S. Graves, who was born in Ohio but after the Civil war removed to Illinois, settling in Stark county, where he owned two good farms. He passed away on the 27th of January, 1914, at the advanced age of eighty years. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Mary J. Whitten, who was likewise a native of the Buckeye state and who is still living on the old homestead at the age of sixty-seven years. The father was a republican in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Three of their nine children are deceased and two brothers of our subject are also living in this county, M. R. and T. P., both residents of Lincoln township.

J. W. Graves passed his boyhood days upon the homestead and devoted much of his time during the winter months to study in the public schools. He also attended Abingdon Normal College for one winter. Following his marriage he began farming on one of his father's places and from the first year was rewarded by abundant crops. In February, 1904, he removed with his family to this county and purchased one hundred acres on section 36, Walnut township. After living there for five years he traded his place for his present farm of a quarter section of fine land on section 17, Scott township. He immediately took up his residence there and has since built a fine large house. The other buildings upon the place are commodious and well adapted for their purpose. He carries on general farming and as he uses the most improved machinery and scientific methods in the cultivation of his land he is meeting with gratifying success as an agriculturist.

Mr. Graves was married in Illinois to Miss Nannie Biggs, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biggs, the former of whom died many years ago while the latter is still living in Marshalltown, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Graves have three children, Edith, Earl and Mary.

The parents are members of the Christian church and not only attend its services but contribute to its support. The republican party has a staunch supporter in Mr. Graves and he is now serving his second term as township trustee. He was for two terms school director and is still much interested in everything relating to the welfare of the public-school system. Fraternally he is a member

of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the lodge at Winterset. In the eleven years that he has lived in this county he has become well known and all who have been brought in contact with him hold him in high respect.

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### JAMES R. DAVIS.

James R. Davis, who is living retired in Winterset, has been a prominent official of this county and is also entitled to honor as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of September, 1832, a son of William and Elizabeth (Rollstin) Davis, also natives of that county. The father was born on the 26th of March, 1808, and the mother on the 5th of December, 1814, and their marriage was celebrated in 1830. William Davis worked upon the "pike" in Washington county, Pennsylvania, for a time but in 1841 removed with his family to Guernsey county, Ohio, where he farmed until 1857, when he came to Winterset, Iowa, arriving here on the 2d of May. He made the journey with ox teams and settled in Union township, this county, where he became the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of land. He remained there until 1870, when he went to Kansas, in which state he passed away in 1878. He survived his wife for about twelve years, as she died on the 4th of May, 1866. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed in his community.

James R. Davis attended the district schools of Guernsey county, Ohio, in the acquirement of his education and after reaching maturity began farming, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits in this county until the Civil war broke out. On the 19th of August, 1862, he offered his services to the federal government in defense of the Union, enlisting as a member of Company F, Thirty-ninth Volunteer Infantry. He was made corporal and never faltered in the performance of his duty as a soldier. When driving an ammunition wagon he was taken prisoner but fortunately was rescued by his comrades. On the 5th of June, 1865, he was discharged at Washington, D. C.

Returning to his farm in Union township, this county, Mr. Davis resumed the cultivation of the soil and the raising of stock, both of which occupations proved very profitable. In 1879 he was elected sheriff of the county on the republican ticket and proved an efficient officer of the law. In 1887 he was appointed steward of the county home and held that position for seven years. He set out trees upon the place and made a number of substantial improvements. While he was vigilant in safeguarding the interests of the county, he also did all in his power to make the home as pleasant as possible for the inmates. For eight years he served as justice of the peace in Union township and following his removal to Winterset in 1908 was justice of the peace here but has now resigned. He is living retired, as he has accumulated a competence that assures him of the necessities and comforts of life during his remaining years.

Mr. Davis married on the 10th of February, 1853, Miss Margaret Henderson, whose birth occurred in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1833. Her father, John Henderson, was born on the 1st of January, 1809, in Ohio and followed the occupation of farming. In 1857 he removed to Monmouth, Illinois,



where he passed away a number of years later. He was a devout member of the United Presbyterian church and religion played a very important part in his life. His wife, who was born on the 27th of June, 1809, proved a true helpmate indeed and both were accorded a high place in the estimation of those who knew them.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of nine children, five of whom are living: Nancy J., who gave her hand in marriage to W. C. Young, a farmer of Minnesota, by whom she has five children; Martha, the wife of C. A. Higgs, a farmer of Alberta, Canada, by whom she has three children; James B., a farmer of Wapello county, Iowa, who is married and has three children; William Thomas, born March 13, 1866, who is farming in Madison county and who has four children; and John M., of Kasson, Minnesota, who has three children. Mary M. became the wife of A. T. Rees, a son of one of the pioneer blacksmiths of this county, and passed to her reward, leaving three children. Mr. and Mrs. Davis lost three other children, Findley, Leslie M., and Elizabeth Ann, and the wife and mother passed away June 17, 1899. There are eighteen grandchildren living and ten great-grandchildren. On the 28th of March, 1901, Mr. Davis married Miss Hannah Kennedy, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a daughter of James and Elinor (Ferguson) Kennedy, both natives of Ireland, the father born in County Derry in 1813 and the mother in County Tyrone in 1814. Mr. Kennedy was a weaver of linen in Ireland and on coming to the United States in 1838 settled in Philadelphia, where he followed his trade until 1854. In that year he removed to Ohio and turned his attention to farming. Two years later he went to Indiana and there cultivated land until 1871, when he came to Union township, this county. He owned land both in Indiana and in Union township and was a successful agriculturist, although when he first began farming he knew nothing about it. His religious faith was that of the United Presbyterian church. His death occurred in 1892 and that of his wife in 1875.

Mrs. Davis is an active worker in church circles and she has many friends in the community. Mr. Davis is also one of the influential members of the United Presbyterian church and for forty years has served as elder. His political adherence is given to the republican party and he is never remiss in the duties of a good citizen. As a member of the Grand Army of the Republic he keeps in touch with his comrades of the Civil war and finds much pleasure in his association with them. Integrity and rectitude have always characterized him, and the evening of his life is crowned with the honor due him.

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#### J. A. CAMERON.

J. A. Cameron, who owns and operates an excellent farm embracing two hundred and forty acres of land on sections 3 and 10, Lincoln township, was born on that place on the 6th of September, 1855. His parents were W. B. and Maria (Gaff) Cameron, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born on the 17th of June, 1817. The father came to Madison county in June, 1853, and purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 3 and 10, Lincoln township, which was partly broken and on which a little log cabin and frame stable had been erected. He improved the property to a considerable

extent, extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of forty acres and continued its operation during the remainder of his life, passing away on the 24th of February, 1892. He had lived in the community for nearly four decades and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. He was twice married, his first wife passing away on the 4th of March, 1858. She had two children: J. A., of this review; and Mary, who died November 5, 1857, in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Cameron chose Miss Martha Duff, a native of Ohio, by whom he also had two children, namely: Martha J., who is a resident of Winterset; and Eber, who died in 1893.

J. A. Cameron was reared to manhood on the home farm and acquired his education in the country schools and at Winterset. When twenty-two years of age he went to Kansas and purchased a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of railroad land whereon he resided for four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Madison county and bought one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved land in Jackson township which he developed and cultivated continuously for twenty-nine years. Two years ago he purchased the old home farm in Lincoln township from his sister and has since operated the place, which comprises two hundred and forty acres on sections 3 and 10. The pursuit of general farming has claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and success has attended his well directed efforts in gratifying degree.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Cameron chose Miss Rebecca McCord, whose birth occurred in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 27th of September, 1859, her parents being Robert and Jane (Murphy) McCord, the former born in Scotland and the latter in Ireland. Both have passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have been born five children, as follows: William, who wedded Miss Blanche Stewart and has one child, Helen; Nellie, the wife of F. A. Ham, with whom she resides on her father's farm and by whom she has one child, Harold; Walter, who married Miss Della Fife and lives in Polk county, Iowa; Arthur, at home; and Jessie, who died in childhood. William, the eldest son, is an employe of Montgomery Ward & Company and was formerly in Chicago but is now in the service of the concern at New York city.

Mr. Cameron gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served in the capacity of school director, the cause of education ever finding in him a staunch champion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. With the exception of a few years he has made his home in this county from his birth to the present time and he is widely recognized as one of its esteemed and substantial citizens.

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#### MICHAEL GAMBLE.

Michael Gamble, a resident of Winterset, is entitled to representation in this work as he is a veteran of the Civil war and also as he was for a number of years an active farmer of the county. He is a native of Indiana county, Pennsylvania, born May 1, 1844, of the marriage of Robert and Margaret (Lowman) Gamble, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1800 and the mother in 1808, and they passed away respectively in 1881 and 1897.

Robert Gamble learned cabinetmaking and painting and in 1845 removed to Ohio, where he followed his trades until 1854. In that year he came to Madison county, Iowa, settling on one hundred and twenty acres of government land in Crawford township, where he resided until his death. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and added to his holdings, owning in all one hundred and seventy acres. Pioneer conditions prevailed when he first settled here and he was a factor in the work of development and improvement. He was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Montpelier Presbyterian church. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he held a number of township offices.

Michael Gamble was the fifth in a family of seven children and attended school in a milk house, in which the only seats were benches. His first teacher was Miss Sarah G. Gamble, who taught the first school in Crawford township. Subsequently he attended school in the first schoolhouse built in the county. On the 20th of May, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Forty-seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served faithfully and bravely until he was no longer needed by the government and upon returning to private life he resumed farming. In 1870 he purchased more land and began the operation of his property, which is in Crawford township. He owns in all two hundred and twenty acres of land and while actively engaged in its cultivation proved industrious, energetic and judicious, gaining a fair measure of success.

On the 10th of March, 1870, Mr. Gamble was married to Miss Esther McLees, who was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 30th of January, 1852, a daughter of Anderson and Sarah J. (McKinney) McLees, both of whom were natives of County Antrim, Ireland, the father born in 1820 and the mother a year previously. Mr. McLees died in 1902, but his widow survived until 1910. In 1836 Mrs. McLees arrived in the United States and in 1845 Mr. McLees emigrated here. He was a weaver by trade, which he followed in Philadelphia until 1851, when he removed to the vicinity of Richmond, Ohio. In 1854 he came to Iowa, by way of the river to Keokuk. He settled in Crawford township, Madison county, taking up eighty acres of good land. He was a neighbor of the father of our subject and was highly esteemed in his community. He was quite prominent in local politics and held a number of local offices. He was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Montpelier United Presbyterian church of Crawford. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom Mrs. Gamble was the second in order of birth. She is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and is also active in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamble have three children: Loretta E., the wife of Rev. M. M. Milford, a United Presbyterian minister of Saxman, Kansas; Jessie E., who gave her hand in marriage to Rev. R. C. Gibson, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Loveland, Colorado, by whom she has a son, Frank L.; and Robert A., who was born in 1879 and is a graduate of the Still College of Osteopathy at Des Moines and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis, Missouri. He is now practicing at Atlantic, Iowa, and is married.

Mr. Gamble is stanch in his support of the republican party and has served as trustee and in other township offices. His religious faith is that of the United Presbyterian church and he is quite active in Sunday-school work. In 1912 he felt that he had accumulated a sufficient store of this world's goods and retired to

Winterset, where he is highly esteemed as a man and citizen. He has long been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and values highly the associations of that body.

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#### EDWARD M. SMITH.

Edward M. Smith has been connected with Madison county in a number of ways but probably his greatest service has been as editor of the *Madisonian*, one of the leading papers of the county. He was born on the 31st of October, 1870, in Jackson county, Iowa, a son of John M. and Jane (Courtney) Smith. Both were born in Ireland, the father in County Down and the mother in County Antrim, and both were left orphans when small children. As soon as old enough to make their own way they emigrated to the new world and here fought their own battles unaided, having no influential friends to assist them. They were married at Brookline, Massachusetts, and in 1869 removed to eastern Iowa, where their youngest son, Edward M., was born upon a farm. They removed to Madison county in 1886 and located upon a fine farm of three hundred and fifteen acres in Jackson township. There the father passed away in January, 1909, and the mother joined him in death five years later. Both were members of the Presbyterian church. Their family numbered four sons, James A., William J., Samuel C. and Edward M.

The last named as a boy and youth lived under the parental roof and much of his time was taken up in attending the public schools. He was also for two terms a student in the Dexter Normal School and for one term in Drake University at Des Moines. For several years he taught school during the winters in this county, his excellent education and his executive ability fitting him for the profession of teaching. During that time he devoted the summers to farm work. From 1898 to 1900 he was county superintendent of schools and in that capacity demonstrated his ability to successfully direct the work of others. When, in 1900, he left that office, he, in connection with Homer Thompson, purchased the *Madisonian*, one of the oldest papers in southern Iowa. After four years Mr. Smith bought the interest of Mr. Thompson and has since conducted the paper alone. He has maintained a high standard of excellence in the news and editorial columns, and that he is an able business man is proven by the fact that he has built up an unusually large advertising patronage and employs a number of representatives on the road. The paper ranks among the best of the weeklies published in Iowa and exercises a large influence upon affairs in this county, an influence which is always on the side of justice and advancement.

On the 1st of June, 1898, Mr. Smith married Miss Evalyn Crossley, a native of this county and a daughter of John W. and Cynthia (Hardy) Crossley, pioneer settlers of this part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children: Marion, sixteen years of age; Ruth, fourteen; Frances, nine; and Dorothy, three.

Mr. Smith is a republican and served as postmaster of Winterset under President Roosevelt from 1905 to 1908 inclusive. Fraternally his connections are with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. In the former order he belongs not only to the blue lodge but also to the Des Moines Consistory, in which he



EDWARD M. SMITH



has taken the thirty-second degree, and to the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are among those who carry on the work of that organization. The man who successfully conducts a weekly newspaper must have well balanced powers and abilities, as he must readily recognize the news value of copy, must possess a lucid, forceful style of writing, must understand the conditions and needs of his community and must also have considerable knowledge of typographical work and be an energetic business man. If his paper is to be a power in the community he must also have the courage of his convictions and be willing to champion a righteous cause, even if it is at first unpopular. Mr. Smith has succeeded admirably in his work and is held in high esteem, not only in his community but among his fellow workers of the press of the state.

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### JOHN COX.

John Cox, a retired farmer and carpenter of Winterset, was born in Clinton county, Ohio, February 13, 1849, and accompanied his parents to this county when but a child. He attended the Guiberson district school of Union township and also pursued his studies for a time in a log schoolhouse in Jefferson township. Upon starting out for himself he operated a part of his father's farm in Union township but in 1872 purchased land and concentrated his energies upon its cultivation. From time to time he added to his property until he became the owner of four hundred and forty acres. He followed general farming and his labors were rewarded by a good financial return from his land. In 1900 he sold his holdings and removed to Winterset, where he has followed the carpenter's trade to some extent, although ill health compels him to live partially retired.

On the 11th of November, 1869, Mr. Cox married Miss Nancy McDonald, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in June, 1849, and died on the 31st of November, 1901. Her parents were William and Jane (Atchinson) McDonald, who in 1858 removed to this county, settling in Jefferson township, where the father owned considerable land. He was a man of progressive views and took a keen interest in public affairs. He served as supervisor for some time and in 1865 was chairman of the board. He was also active in church circles and helped to organize the United Presbyterian church of Jefferson township. He passed away upon his farm and his death was sincerely mourned. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom Mrs. Cox was the youngest. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Harriet, who was born November 17, 1870, married M. E. Addy, a farmer of Madison township, by whom she has five children. Charles A., a farmer of Douglas township, who was born October 18, 1872, is married and has four children. William Riley, born December 15, 1877, is farming in South Dakota and has one child. LeRoy was born September 26, 1882. Beulah is the wife of C. L. Cox, of Winterset, by whom she has one child. On the 16th of January, 1904, Mr. Cox married Miss Barbara Mills, a native of Douglas township, this county, and a daughter of Enos and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Mills, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Cox is a republican and for three terms served as township clerk and for six years as assessor. His religious faith is that of the United Brethren church, in whose teachings he finds the guiding principles of his life. He is a valued citizen of Winterset and has many friends who hold him in the highest regard.

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#### MARTIN V. VANDEBURG.

Martin V. Vandeburg, who owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Madison county, is now living retired in Winterset, having accumulated a competence by following agricultural pursuits in former years. He was born in Greene county, New York, on the 4th of May, 1843, a son of James D. and Merilla (Crosby) Vandeburg, both representatives of the original colony that emigrated to the New Netherlands from Holland. The father was employed in a tannery in New York in his early manhood but after his marriage took up his residence upon a farm in Greene county, that state. In 1857 he and his brother engaged in the tanning business in Ulster county, New York, on their own account. Four years later, however, he came westward, first settling in La Salle county, Illinois, where he resided for about five years. In 1866 he removed with his family to Rock Island county, Illinois, where he acquired land. He raised stock to a considerable extent and had a fine herd of Durham cattle. In 1875 he became a resident of Shelby county, Iowa, where he became a landowner, and he was residing at Walnut, Iowa, at the time of his death. While living in both New York and Illinois he was elected to township offices, proving an able and conscientious official. The Methodist Episcopal church in the various communities in which he lived found in him a loyal and consistent member. His political belief coincided with the principles of the democratic party, which he supported at the polls. He was twice married, the subject of this review being the second of six children born to the first union.

Martin V. Vandeburg attended the public schools in Greene and Ulster counties, New York, and thus acquired his education. His first business experience was gained in a store operated by a tannery company for the benefit of its employees. He subsequently accompanied the family to Illinois, where he resided until 1875. In that year he came to Webster township, Madison county, Iowa, and continued to live there until 1904. He bought land and concentrated his attention upon general farming and stock-raising. He fed many hogs annually and a number of cattle. In time he acquired three hundred and sixty acres of land but has now disposed of one hundred and twenty acres, still owning two hundred and forty acres.

On the 3d of April, 1863, Mr. Vandeburg was married to Miss Melvina Reeves, who was born in Pennsylvania. Her parents, Harvey and Phoebe (Hoglan) Reeves, were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. Her father was a farmer in Pennsylvania and upon emigrating westward settled in Rock Island county, Illinois, where he owned land. He was residing there at the time of his death and was a very active and popular resident of that county. He was well-to-do and had considerable influence in public affairs. His business was that



of making atlases and he published atlases of several counties in the state of Illinois. One of his sons gave his life in defense of the Union, being killed at the front during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Vandeburg have three children: Minnie is the wife of John Wilson, a farmer and landowner residing at Kimball, South Dakota, by whom she has six children, Nellie, Ernest, Florence, Gertrude, Estella and Marion. Arthur is farming in Webster township. Jennie is the wife of Ray Wilson, an agriculturist of Webster township, by whom she has three children, Lois, Paul and Donald.

Mr. Vandeburg is a democrat and for eight years served as township trustee. He has done much to further the work of the Maple Grove Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was trustee for many years. He was also a member of the building committee when the church edifice was erected. During the eleven years that he has resided in Winterset he has cooperated in a number of movements for the good of the community and is one of the most valued residents of the city.

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### JOHN B. OLDHAM.

John B. Oldham, who has resided in Madison county for fifty-eight years, was actively identified with agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and now makes his home in Winterset, where he has lived retired since 1909. His birth occurred in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 22d of August, 1844, his parents being Andrew and Catherine (Boden) Oldham, who were born, reared and married in the Keystone state. In 1847 they removed to Muskingum county, Ohio, and a decade later came to Madison county, Iowa, making the journey by water to Keokuk and thence by teams to their destination. Andrew Oldham purchased a tract of raw prairie land in Madison township and with characteristic energy began the development and improvement of the property. As the years passed success attended his efforts and at the time of his demise he owned four hundred acres of productive and valuable land. He died when seventy-eight years of age, while his wife was called to her final rest when sixty-eight years old, both passing away in the faith of the Missionary Baptist church. In his political views Mr. Oldham was a staunch republican.

John B. Oldham was one of a family of five children and a youth of thirteen when he came to this county with his parents. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. During the following ten years he rented a portion of the home farm and when his mother died took up his abode thereon and managed the property until the time of his father's demise, when he fell heir to one hundred and sixty acres. The operation thereof claimed his time and energies until 1909, when he put aside the active work of the fields, rented the farm to his son and took up his abode in Winterset, where he has since lived retired, owning a pleasant home.

On the 6th of October, 1870, Mr. Oldham was united in marriage to Miss Buena Vista Klingman, who was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, December 22, 1850, her parents being John and Elizabeth (Sims) Klingman, the former a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Muskingum county, Ohio.

Mr. Klingman followed the trade of wagon making in the Buckeye state but in 1867 came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land in Madison township, where he carried on farming until his death at the age of eighty-nine years. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church and the latter passed away in that faith when in the sixty-seventh year of her age. They had eight children, of whom six came to the west and two were born in this county, Mrs. Oldham being seventeen years of age when she accompanied her parents on their removal here. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children, as follows: Elmer, who died when three years old; Bertha, who is the wife of S. W. Henkle, Jr., a farmer of Madison township; Leslie A., who rents the old homestead farm; Cora, the wife of Clyde Duff,\* who also follows farming in Madison township; and Josephine, who gave her hand in marriage to Chester B. Stanley, of Earlham, Iowa.

Mr. Oldham exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party but has never sought nor desired the honors and emoluments of office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, to which his wife also belongs. He has passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and enjoys the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on life's journey and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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#### JOSEPH R. SOLE.

Joseph R. Sole has lived in Madison county for the past forty-five years and is widely recognized as one of its substantial agriculturists and representative citizens, operating a farm of eighty acres on section 7, Madison township, adjoining the town of Earlham. He likewise owns a tract of similar size on section 8 of the same township, and has five acres of timber land on section 22. His birth occurred in Virginia on the 25th of August, 1846, his parents being George W. and Sidney (Collins) Sole, who were likewise natives of that state. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and throughout his entire business career operated a farm in Virginia, where his demise occurred on the 12th of October, 1901, when he had attained the age of eighty-three years. His wife was called to her final rest in 1854.

Joseph R. Sole was reared and educated in his native state and there spent the first twenty-four years of his life. In 1870 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and for one term attended school at Winterset. He also taught school for a time in early life. He worked as a farm hand in Union township for one year and subsequently cultivated rented land in that township until 1884, when he purchased a tract of one hundred and thirteen acres and later bought twenty acres more in Union township. He improved this property and operated it successfully until 1903, when he disposed of the farm and purchased a tract of eighty acres on section 8, Madison township, which he also improved. Subsequently he bought and improved an eighty-acre tract on section 7, adjoining the town of Earlham, which he has operated continuously to the present time, also still owning the farm on section 8. In connection with the cultivation of cereals



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH R. SOLE



best adapted to soil and climate he devotes considerable attention to live stock, feeding about two carloads of cattle annually.

On the 30th of November, 1871, Mr. Sole was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Cox, a daughter of Eli and Mary (Mills) Cox, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father, a contractor, bridge builder and farmer, took up his abode among the pioneer residents of Madison township, this county, and erected the first schoolhouses and bridges here. Eventually he purchased a farm in Union township, which he improved and which his sons operated, as his attention was demanded by his contracting business. His demise occurred in Winterset in 1885, while his wife passed away on the 16th of April, 1909. They reared a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, all of whom survive with the exception of Mrs. Sole, who died on the 10th of January, 1903, after about a year's illness. To our subject and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, who passed away on the 26th of March, 1890; Clara, who gave her hand in marriage to John Brittain, a farmer of Union township; Sidney, the wife of Perry S. Roderick, who lives on the farm of his father-in-law on section 8, Madison township; Mary B., who is the wife of Charles Addy, an agriculturist of Jefferson township; Albert and George W., who operate the farm on section 8; and Lilly May, who died in January, 1884, in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Sole is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He served as assessor of Madison township for eight years, was township clerk of Union township for two years and also acted as trustee of Union and Webster townships. He is now secretary of the school board and has held that position for several years, while in the fall of 1914 he was his party's candidate for the office of county treasurer. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church. He has always shown great interest in all that pertains to the general welfare and has been known as a public-spirited man who has ever found time and inclination to cooperate in the movements for the public good. In all the relations of life he has been honorable and straightforward, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

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#### WILLIAM DUNLAP.

William Dunlap, a retired farmer living in Earlham, was born in Canada on the 24th of February, 1842, a son of John and Isabelle (Johnson) Dunlap, who were also natives of that country. The father worked during his entire life at the trade of shoemaking and passed away about 1848, being survived by his widow but two weeks.

William Dunlap, who was but six years of age when orphaned, was reared and educated in Knox county, Illinois, among strangers. He was early trained in farm work and followed agricultural pursuits in Knox county until 1886, when he came to this county and bought eighty acres of land on section 1, Jackson township. After a year he bought another eighty acre tract on section 2 and continued to operate his land until 1905. He then rented the farm but continued to reside upon the place until October 1, 1914, when he removed to Earlham and

purchased a good residence, which is now his home. He was very energetic and industrious while actively engaged in farming and, as he practiced thrift and gave much thought to the management of his affairs, he accumulated a competence that more than suffices for his needs.

On the 26th of November, 1868, Miss Harriet Mathews became the wife of Mr. Dunlap. Her parents, Samuel and Caroline Mathews, were pioneers of Knox county, Illinois, and were well known in that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap became the parents of a daughter, Minnie, who died in 1872 when but three years of age. Mrs. Dunlap was called to her last rest on the 16th of August, 1910. On the 16th of April, 1914, Mr. Dunlap was married again, Miss Mollie Henry becoming his wife.

When twenty years of age Mr. Dunlap gave indisputable proof of his patriotism by enlisting in Company D, One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until the close of the struggle between the north and south. He keeps up his association with his comrades in blue by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He is also a Mason, being the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in Earlham. Mrs. Dunlap holds membership in the Christian church and in its teachings finds the guiding principles of her life. Politically Mr. Dunlap is a staunch democrat.

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#### WILLIAM BRINSON.

William Brinson, who is living retired in Winterset, gave the years of his active manhood to agricultural pursuits and won a gratifying measure of success in that connection. He is a native of Switzerland county, Indiana, born February 28, 1833, of the marriage of Joseph and Rebecca (Myers) Brinson. The father was born in Kentucky but was taken by his parents to Indiana when but seven years of age, the family home being established in the uncut timber of that state. When about twenty years old his marriage occurred in Switzerland county, his bride being a resident of Ripley county, to which she had removed with her parents from Kentucky. In 1849 Mr. and Mrs. Brinson and their family came to Madison county, Iowa, having made the journey with a wagon and four-horse team and one two-horse team. Mr. Brinson rode the wheel horse and drove the head team with a single line, which was called a jerk line. The Mississippi river was crossed by ferry at Burlington and the family settled in Lincoln township. Mr. Brinson had traded his farm in Indiana for two Mexican war land warrants of one hundred and sixty acres each, but the land which he had hoped to take up was not yet on the market. He purchased of another man a claim which comprised three hundred and twenty acres and later entered it. It was prairie and timber land that had never been touched by the plow and there was much to do before it would be the well improved farm and good home that Mr. Brinson hoped to make it. He set to work resolutely and as time passed he brought his land to a high state of cultivation and also erected commodious buildings. He lived there many years but after the death of his wife in 1868 he removed to Kansas, where he resided until called to his reward. He was a member of the Church of Christ and as in the early days there were no schoolhouses nor churches in the

county the local church was organized in his home. His son William was probably the first person baptized in the county, the ceremony occurring in July, 1854. Mr. Brinson was a whig in his early manhood and after the dissolution of that party voted the republican ticket. To him and his wife were born six children: William; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Eli Wilson and passed away at Afton, Iowa; Nancy, now the wife of John Bertholf, a resident of the state of Washington; Thomas, who is living at Idaho Falls, Idaho; David, whose home is at Pocatello, Idaho; and Jonathan, a resident of Oklahoma.

William Brinson was a youth of about sixteen years when he accompanied his parents on the overland journey from Indiana to this county. He assisted his father in the arduous work of developing his tract of wild land and learned thoroughly the methods of agriculture best suited to the soil and climate of Iowa. In August, 1862, he became a member of Company F, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, joining the company at Helena, Arkansas. He served in the army for three years lacking a month and nine days. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and then returned to Madison county and again assisted his father in the farm work. He also learned to make chairs, selling a set for four dollars and a half, and gave his father half of what he earned. He saved seven dollars and a half and borrowed five dollars from a neighbor, which enabled him to enter forty acres of school land. He later borrowed twelve dollars and a half and entered the adjoining forty acres. The whole eighty acres was wild land and it was necessary to break the virgin prairie sod before crops could be planted. His first home was a small frame house fourteen by sixteen feet in dimensions. He devoted his attention assiduously to the cultivation of his land and the care of his crops for many years. Sixteen years ago he retired from active life and has since lived in honorable retirement in Winterset, residing in a comfortable home on West Jefferson street. Six years ago he sold his land. He bought his land for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre and sold it for one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre.

Mr. Brinson was married in April, 1855, to Miss Caroline Burd, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 27th of August, 1834, a daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Williams) Burd, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. In 1851 they removed to this county and were highly esteemed among its early residents. To Mr. and Mrs. Brinson have been born two daughters: Mary, the wife of William F. Hircock, of Lincoln township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Sarah E., the wife of Culy Hircock, a resident of Kansas.

Mr. Brinson voted for John C. Fremont as president and has supported every republican president since that time. In 1854 he joined the Church of Christ and the record of his long and honorable life is the best testimony to the sincerity of his belief. He devoted the greater part of his time to farming but was a carpenter by trade and in his early manhood worked in the mills on Middle river. He is thoroughly familiar with the early history of the county and has many interesting reminiscences of events and people in the pioneer days of this section of the state. He relates a story that will recall the names of some old timers remembered by many. Jacob Leinard, an early settler of Lincoln township, had a cow and calf tied out in front of his cabin. It was in the spring and the grass was beginning to get green. When he came out after breakfast the cow and calf

were missing. It was in the early '50s when the Mormons were crossing the state on their way to Utah. The larger number of them passed through the county south of Madison, but a few passed through Winterset. Remembering having seen a covered wagon pass and suspecting his cow and calf had been taken by them, he started in pursuit. He was joined by a neighbor, Uncle Sammy Duncan, and a little later Uncle Dicky Bruce was a member of the searching party. Somewhere on the prairie they overtook the covered wagon and tied to it was the cow. Down in the brush they discovered a man skinning the calf. At the point of a gun Uncle Sammy Duncan made him get on the horse behind Uncle Dicky Bruce. They brought him to Winterset and hunted up a justice. Lou Davis was then sheriff of the county. They hunted up M. L. McPherson, a lawyer, to be prisoner's counsel. This McPherson was an uncle to Judge Smith McPherson, who died recently at Red Oak. Mr. McPherson took the prisoner to one side of the building and asked him how much money he had. The prisoner named a small amount and gave the same to the lawyer. McPherson then told him to hike and get away. The prisoner followed this advice and as it was getting dark was soon out of sight. Thus the case was settled and caused a little indignation on the part of those who had hoped to see justice done.

Mr. Brinson and his wife both enjoy good health and attribute it largely to their simple normal habits of living. They have performed all of the duties that have devolved upon them, have worked diligently, have taken pleasure in worthy accomplishment and in their relations with their fellowmen, and it is but fitting that their old age should be rich in honor as well as in years.

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#### BEN DAY.

The excellent condition of his farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 5, Scott township, testifies to the efficiency and energy of Ben Day, who was born in Henry county, Illinois, November 18, 1860. James Day, his father, was born in England but in early manhood emigrated to America, being accompanied by his sister. He had been a coachman and hostler in England but after coming to this country he gave his attention chiefly to farming. He first settled in New Jersey, where he was married, but at length came westward and for ten years lived in Henry, Bureau and Livingston counties, Illinois. His last years were spent with a daughter at Tiskilwa, that state, where he passed away at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, who was before her marriage Miss Jane Redden, was born in New Jersey and died at Tiskilwa, Illinois, when seventy-six years old. Those of their eleven children who still survive are as follows: George, who resides in Story county, Iowa; Emma, the wife of R. Drake, of Tiskilwa, Illinois; Lizzie, who married A. J. Page, of Nevada, Iowa; William, who is residing in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Ben, of this review; Ed, whose home is in Waterloo, Iowa; Charles, of Tiskilwa, Illinois; and Mary, the wife of James Tissue, of Springfield, Illinois.

As there was a large family and as he felt that he did not wish to remain a burden upon his father any longer than was necessary, Ben Day asked to be allowed to earn his own way when he was but eleven years of age, and accordingly



left home and began working by the month in Bureau county, Illinois. He was so employed in that county and in Story county, Iowa, for eleven years. At the end of that time he rented land in Story county, which he operated successfully. In 1907 he arrived in Madison county and bought eighty acres of improved land in Ohio township. Five years later he traded that land in on one hundred and forty acres in Scott township, which was known as the Theodore Cox farm. The place was splendidly improved when it came into the possession of Mr. Day but he has still further developed it and takes pride in its neat, attractive appearance. He does general farming, finding that more profitable than specializing along any one line. He is rightly numbered among the progressive and well-to-do farmers of the county, and his success is due entirely to his industry and good management.

On the 7th of December, 1892, Mr. Day married Miss Jennie McCain, who was born in Story county, Iowa, a daughter of John McCain, whose birth occurred in Ohio. Her paternal grandparents were William and Isabel McCain, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. The grandfather removed from Ohio to Story county, this state, in an early day and entered land from the government. John McCain was married three times and had children by all of his unions. His second wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Jane Spurgeon, was the mother of Mrs. Day and passed away when her daughter was but a child. The other children born of the union of John and Jane (Spurgeon) McCain were William, Samuel, John Neal, Van Burt and Nettie. Mrs. Day was reared by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Page, of Nevada, Iowa, who gave her the same loving care as if she had been their own child. Mr. and Mrs. Day have had five children, four of whom are living: Lydia, the wife of Ernie Holmes, of Truro, Iowa; and Virgil De Loss, Myrtle M. and Russell B., all at home. Leota died in infancy.

Mr. Day is a republican and has served acceptably as a member of the school board. He manifests a laudable interest in public affairs and since coming to this county has taken his place among its public-spirited and valued citizens. He is indeed a self-made man as since the early age of eleven years he has depended upon his own resources and his present prosperity is proof of his ability.

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### JOHN CRIDLING.

John Cridling is a retired farmer of Winterset, where he is well and favorably known. His birth occurred in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 6th of September, 1855, and his parents were Samuel and Frances Jane (Jackson) Cridling, natives of Delaware and of Ripley county, Indiana, respectively. Upon their arrival in Madison county, Iowa, they settled upon a farm in Scott township and there the mother passed away in 1877. The father died in 1884 in Dakota at the home of our subject, who was then a resident of that territory. Both parents were members in good standing of the Baptist church. The record of their nine children is as follows: William died in infancy; Mary is also deceased; Amos married Caroline Boyd and passed away in Missouri about a year ago; George is residing in Kansas; Margaret passed away in Scott township two weeks after the death of her

mother; Samuel is living in California; Diana, who became the wife of F. M. Crawford, was killed by falling from a street car in Kansas City; John, of this review, is the next in order of birth; and Mary E. died in infancy.

John Cridling was a child of nine years when the family removed from Indiana to Clinton county, Iowa, where they remained four years and then removed to Clay county, Illinois, but in 1870 came to Madison county, Iowa. The children became scattered after the mother's death in 1877, and our subject and his brothers farmed in Pottawattamie county, this state, for a few years. Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Cridling removed to De Kalb county, Missouri, and thence to Worth county, that state, where he bought land. Still later he went to Holt county, Nebraska, and entered a quarter section of land, which he proved up and subsequently traded for land in Dakota, upon which he lived for some time. In 1891 he came back to Madison county and purchased the J. W. Beem farm in Scott township. He later bought a farm in Douglas township and until his retirement utilized his energies in the cultivation of the fields and the care of stock. For the last twelve years he has lived retired in a comfortable home in Winterset. He still owns eighty acres of land in Crawford township, from which he derives a gratifying addition to his income.

Mr. Cridling was married in Madison county to Miss Laura Ann Evans, who was born in Kansas on the 6th of December, 1858, and is a daughter of Henry Evans, an account of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Cridling have three children: Sarah Frances, the wife of Sale Darnall, of Winterset, by whom she has a son, Harold; Ethel, the wife of Fred Clopton, a farmer of Monroe township, by whom she has three children, Agnes, Alice Lovina and Laura Ruth; and Mary E., who gave her hand in marriage to Fred Wilkinson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Cridling's political adherence is given to the democratic party and he takes a commendable interest in matters of public concern. His life has been one of useful activity and has conformed to high standards of morality, and his last years are being spent in honorable and well deserved retirement.

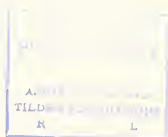
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#### H. C. IRVIN, M. D.

Dr. H. C. Irvin has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Earlham for the past quarter of a century and enjoys an enviable reputation as a successful and skilled representative of the profession. His birth occurred in Laporte, Indiana, on the 4th of August, 1868, his parents being James F. and Martha E. (Andrews) Irvin, who were natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. The father, who completed a medical course by graduation in Philadelphia in 1854, took up his abode at Laporte, Indiana, in a very early day and there remained in the active practice of his profession until 1868. In that year he came to Iowa and opened an office in Adel, Dallas county, where he was continuously engaged in practice for seventeen years. Subsequently he spent fifteen years as a physician of Earlham and then removed to Des Moines, where he remained in practice for twelve years, or until his demise, which occurred in September,



DR. H. C. IRVIN



1909, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. His wife passed away on the 24th of January, 1896.

H. C. Irvin pursued a high-school course in Adel and afterward spent two years in the study of medicine under the direction of his father, then entering the Homeopathic Medical College of Missouri at St. Louis, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1890. In March of that year he began practice in association with his father at Earlham, which town has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He has demonstrated his skill and ability in the successful treatment of many difficult cases and an extensive and gratifying practice has therefore been accorded him. He belongs to the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and acts as city physician and health officer, having thus ably served for several years.

Dr. Irvin has been married twice. In September, 1889, he wedded Miss Henrietta Vittinghoff, her father being William Vittinghoff, a native of Germany and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, where he was engaged in the undertaking and livery business for a number of years and where he passed away in 1911. To H. C. and Henrietta (Vittinghoff) Irvin were born five children, as follows: Harry, who is a practicing physician of Adel, Iowa; James, a resident of Oklahoma; and Hiram, Fred and Gerald, all at home. The wife and mother passed away on the 24th of December, 1908, and in November, 1912, Dr. Irvin was again married, his second union being with Miss Ethel Dudley, a daughter of Abraham B. and Mary Dudley. Her father went to Kansas City in an early day and was there engaged in the packing business for a number of years. He is now a coal-mine operator of Centerville, Iowa.

Dr. Irvin gives his political allegiance to the democracy, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party at the polls. He has not allied himself with any particular church but is a man of upright and honorable life who guides his actions by the Golden Rule. He enjoys an enviable reputation in both professional and social circles of his community and has made a host of warm friends here.

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#### J. C. TRAWVER.

J. C. Trawver is owner of a valuable tract of land, to which he has given the name of Lake Park Farm, the place comprising seventy-eight acres, and its value may be attributed not only to the splendid improvements which are here found but also to its close proximity to the city, being located one mile west of Winterset. For the past five years, however, Mr. Trawver has given his attention to construction work on the county roads. He was born in Edgar county, Illinois, on the 1st of June, 1850, a son of David and Elizabeth (Sheets) Trawver, the former a native of Virginia, while the latter was born in the state of Ohio. The father followed carpentry during his active business career, and both he and his wife passed away in Edgar county.

J. C. Trawver spent the period of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity and was there educated in the common schools. After reaching years of maturity he took up farming and eventually became the owner of one hundred

and twenty acres in Edgar county, Illinois. In 1901 he came to Iowa, spending the succeeding two years on a farm which he rented near Clarinda, Page county. He then came to Madison county and spent one year on a farm in Union township, after which he spent two years in farming in Douglas township, this county. On the expiration of that period he purchased land in Lincoln township, where he farmed for four years, when he traded that place for his present property of seventy-eight acres in the same township, known as Lake Park Farm. Here he occupies a modern and substantial country home, surrounded by good outbuildings, and the general appearance of his place is indicative of the enterprise and thrift of its owner. He is now renting his land and is acting as foreman of construction work on county roads, in which connection he is not only adding to his financial income but is doing a work which is vastly beneficial to the community at large.

Mr. Trawver was married to Miss Sophia Davis, who was born in Virginia, and this union has been blessed with four children: Claude, who is in the automobile business in Des Moines; Harry, who is a veterinary surgeon in Clarinda, Iowa; Willard, who is now studying veterinary surgery in a Kansas City college; and Roy, who met death by drowning at Clarinda when fourteen years of age.

Mr. Trawver gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party, while his fraternal relations connect him with the Knights of Pythias lodge in Winterset. Although his residence in Madison county is of comparatively brief duration, he has made many friends here, owing to his genial, courteous manner and his honorable methods in all his business dealings.

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#### FRANCIS M. BRUCE.

Francis M. Bruce, a retired farmer of Winterset, was born in Brown county, Illinois, on the 23d of October, 1843, a son of Richard P. Bruce, whose birth occurred in Garrett county, Kentucky, in 1818. When a young man the father removed to Illinois and engaged in farming in Brown county until 1851, in which year he came to Madison county, Iowa, settling in Lincoln township. He first rented land but by carefully husbanding his resources was at length able to buy a farm. Later he purchased land in Douglas township and held title to four hundred acres in all. He followed general farming and stock-raising and was very successful in those occupations. He eventually sold his holdings and removed to a place a half mile west of Winterset, where he died at the venerable age of ninety-one years and eight months. He was very popular and was familiarly known as Uncle Dicky. In his active life he was quite prominent in public affairs and held a number of township offices and was also a member of the county board for one term. He was well known in local Masonic circles, being one of the organizers and a charter member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Winterset. He was married in Brown county, Illinois, to Miss Judith A. Keith, whose birth occurred in Clark county, Kentucky. She passed away about a quarter of a century ago when about sixty-five years of age. To their union were born the following children: John R., deceased; Francis M.; Mary Jane, the deceased wife of Timothy Conner; Kate, who is now Mrs. William Underwood and resides

in the state of Washington; Susan, the wife of John Herron, of Perry, Iowa; Melissa, the deceased wife of Lewis Field; Martha, who married Joseph Ruth and has passed away; Bell, who gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Stark, a resident of South Dakota; Henrietta, who died in childhood; and Clara, the deceased wife of Howard Sellers.

Francis M. Bruce was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county and here he grew to manhood. At the time of the Civil war he felt that all other considerations were insignificant as compared with the need of his country and enlisted in the Union army on the 24th of October, 1861, just one day after his eighteenth birthday. He was enrolled as a member of the company known as The Lancers but later joined Company I, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Cavalry at Mount Pleasant. He was with that regiment during all of the engagements in which it participated and was mustered out at the end of his term of enlistment at Memphis, Tennessee. He returned to Madison county and began farming. His first purchase was an eighty acre tract of raw prairie land in Douglas township and he continued to own it until about a year ago. In time he added eighty acres to his original farm and also became the owner of two other farms in Douglas township, one comprising one hundred acres and the other eighty acres. The latter place is improved with a good set of buildings. He resided upon his original purchase until thirteen years ago, when he retired from active life and took up his residence in a fine home just west of Winterset. He was a thoroughly efficient farmer, keeping his property in excellent condition, conserving the fertility of the soil and using the most approved methods and machinery in his work.

Mr. Bruce married Miss Harriet Templeman, a native of Ohio, who accompanied her mother to this county from Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have been born the following children: Lillie, who gave her hand in marriage to T. G. Niblo, of Jackson township; R. F., a resident of South Dakota; Annie, who became the wife of R. S. Niblo, of Dallas county; Robert, living in Texas; Edward, a resident of Des Moines; one who died in infancy; Pearl, now Mrs. Ray Sage, of Lincoln township; and Della, at home.

Mr. Bruce is a republican and has held some township offices, although never an office seeker. He continues his association with his comrades in blue through his connection with John A. Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset. He is entitled to honor as a veteran of the Civil war and in all the relations of life he has proved himself a man of honor and integrity, while his personality is one that attracts and retains friends.

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#### D. A. GRIFFITH.

The retired farmers living in Winterset are highly esteemed and contribute not a little to the advancement of the community. Among them is D. A. Griffith, who was born in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 15th of April, 1841, a son of Isaac and Margaret (Archibald) Griffith, the former born upon the ocean in 1808 while his parents were crossing to this country from Wales and the latter born in Jefferson county, Ohio, in 1816. Isaac Griffith was a miller and shoemaker and

followed those trades in Holmes county, Ohio. In 1843 he removed to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he ran a mill until he removed to Scioto county, that state, which was his home for ten years before his death. He died in 1848 and was survived by his wife for three years.

D. A. Griffith at the usual age entered the city schools of Portsmouth, Ohio, and there laid the foundation of his education. When he was eleven years of age, however, his parents died and he was taken by a family who mistreated him and he accordingly ran away. He became a farm hand and thus provided for his support and was so engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war. On the 15th of April, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Captain Dan Parnell. The command rendezvoused at Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Griffith was made first duty sergeant. After being three months with Company C he was transferred to Company D, of the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served as sergeant in that command for a year, after which he was made first lieutenant. He was under fire in Virginia, at the battle of Charleston, Maryland, at Bull Run, Antietam, South Mountain, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and the siege of Chattanooga and accompanied Sherman on the memorable march to the sea. He was wounded by a bayonet thrust at South Mountain, Maryland, and lost his hearing at the battle of Antietam, as his regiment was for hours in the midst of eight hundred pieces of artillery. His regiment, which in that engagement lost five hundred men, together with the Eighteenth Pennsylvania, charged the Burnside bridge and took it. Colonel Coleman, who led the charge, fell pierced by seven bullets. Lieutenant Griffith succeeded in capturing some rebel cannon and his record throughout the war proved him a fearless and an able officer. He has a medal presented him by the state of Ohio for continuous and meritorious service. He was mustered out on the 3d of July, 1865, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later in that year removed to Fairfield, Iowa.

In 1870 he came to Madison county and began farming in Jefferson township, where he lived for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Union township and engaged in agricultural pursuits there until 1893. In that year he purchased two hundred acres of land in Douglas township on North river and gave his time and attention to the operation of that farm. He was very successful in all that he attempted, his energy, determination and knowledge of the best methods of agriculture making him one of the leading farmers in his township.

On the 4th of March, 1866, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Hester E. Miller, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, December 27, 1847, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hillis) Miller. Her father was born in Germany in 1822 and upon emigrating to this country settled in Cincinnati, where he followed the blacksmith's trade until his health failed. He then removed to Brown county, Ohio, which remained his home until 1865. In that year he migrated westward and settled in Jefferson county, Iowa, near Fairfield. Nine years later he homesteaded land in Buena Vista county, where his death occurred in 1875. His wife, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1820, passed away in Buena Vista county in 1904, having survived him for almost three decades.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are the parents of seven children: Anna B. gave her hand in marriage to Elias Van Scoy, of Logan county, Colorado, by whom she has four children. U. Grant, who was born May 7, 1868, died January 20, 1907. Isaac, born on the 5th of September, 1869, is a well-to-do farmer who is mar-



ried and has three children, David A., Winifred and Hester. Jerome is represented elsewhere in this work. David T., whose birth occurred on the 11th of July, 1879, is engaged in the implement business at Van Meter, Iowa. Linnie E., born November 11, 1880, passed away February 4, 1890. Robert S. was born on the 16th of October, 1888.

Mr. Griffith is identified with the republican party and has always been as true to the best interests of his country in times of peace as he was when he led his command upon the battlefields of the south. None begrudges him the competence and the leisure which are now his, as they were won by industry and sound judgment.

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#### G. H. KINNAIRD.

G. H. Kinnaird, a retired farmer residing in Union township, has made his home in Madison county for over fifty years and there are very few living in the county today whose arrival here antedates his. He was born in Kentucky on the 28th of May, 1842, a son of Joseph and Cornelia (Munday) Kinnaird, who were lifelong residents of the Bluegrass state. His paternal grandfather was from Virginia.

G. H. Kinnaird grew to manhood in his native state and there acquired a common-school education. When in his twentieth year he drove across the country with a cousin to Madison county, Iowa, and found work here as a farm hand. On the 9th of August, 1862, however, he put aside all personal interests and enlisted at Winterset in Company H, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain James E. Goolman and Colonel William Dewey. He participated in the battles of Pittman's Ferry and Milliken's Bend, and also took part in the siege of Vicksburg. He was then on detail duty as orderly, carrying dispatches. Having contracted typhoid fever, he was in the hospital at New Orleans for a month, but he was never wounded. He was mustered out in Harrisburg, Texas, on the 26th of July, 1865, and then returned to this county, again working as a farm hand. After his marriage he purchased forty acres of land in Scott township and began its operation. When it came into his possession it was but little improved and there was no house of any sort on the place, but he erected a residence, in which the family resided until the spring of 1914. He added forty-five acres to the original tract and his industry, thrift and careful management enabled him to accumulate a competence. Since selling his land he has lived with his children, spending most of his time with a son in Scott township.

Mr. Kinnaird was twice married, his first union being with Miss Sarah Eskew, who was born in Kentucky. Her parents, however, were numbered among the early settlers of Scott township, this county, and the family name has long been an honored one here. She died leaving a son, Robert L., who is married and lives in Wyoming. Mr. Kinnaird chose as his second wife Miss Cynthia Young, who was born in Pennsylvania but was brought by her parents to this county when but two years old. She died in 1907, leaving three sons: James H., who is married and lives in Oregon; Joseph L., who is married and resides in Scott township; and C. A., a farmer of Winnebago county, Iowa, who is also married.

Mr. Kinnaird is a republican and for four terms held the office of township trustee. He was also school director and has always taken a great interest in the cause of public education. He has belonged to the United Brethren church since 1868 and his wife was also a member of that organization. He holds membership in Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., and is justly proud of the fact that in the time of his country's need he did not fail her. During the fifty years and more that he has resided in Madison county he has not only witnessed a great change and development but has also done his part in bringing them about, and he is justly held in high esteem by those who know him.

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#### ALFRED F. HIBBARD.

Alfred F. Hibbard is the owner of a valuable and productive farm embracing one hundred and sixty acres on section 19, Madison township, and in its operation has won well merited success. His birth occurred in Wisconsin in October, 1856, his parents being Samuel and Margaret (Finley) Hibbard, who were of Irish and German descent respectively, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Pennsylvania. Samuel Hibbard, who was a millwright by trade, went to Ohio in an early day and there worked at his chosen occupation for several years. Subsequently he followed farming in Wisconsin for ten years, on the expiration of which period he came to Iowa, locating in Guthrie county and purchasing and improving a farm near Casey, which he operated until his demise in 1874. His wife passed away July 18, 1913, having survived him for nearly four decades.

Alfred F. Hibbard was reared and educated in Ohio and Wisconsin and remained with his mother until he had attained his majority. Subsequently he operated a gristmill for his grandfather for three years and on the expiration of that period turned his attention to railroading, firing an engine for the Chicago & Alton Railroad out of Bowling Green for six years. He then removed to Stuart, Guthrie county, Iowa, and entered the service of the Rock Island as fireman, while a few years later he was promoted to the position of engineer, being employed as fireman and engineer altogether for a period of twenty years. In March, 1901, he came to Madison county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 19, Madison township, which he has cultivated continuously since and on which he has made extensive improvements, his residence being one of the finest in the county and thoroughly modern in every respect. In connection with the production of cereals he devotes considerable attention to live stock, raising high grade Aberdeen Angus cattle and thoroughbred Poland China hogs, and in both branches of his business has met with success.

In May, 1893, Mr. Hibbard was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Gresham, who was born in Boone township, Dallas county, Iowa, in June, 1869, her parents being David and Rebecca (Hubbard) Gresham, the former a native of Dallas county, Iowa, and the latter of Lee township, this county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hibbard took up his abode in Dallas county in 1847, when Des Moines had not yet sprung into existence, there entering a tract of land which he cultivated until 1887, when he moved to Lee township, Madison county,



ALFRED E. IRELAND, HIS FAMILY AND HOME



where he passed away in 1908, when he was in his ninetieth year. David Gresham turned his attention to agricultural pursuits as soon as his age and strength permitted and throughout his active business career operated the farm in Dallas county which had formerly belonged to his father. His demise occurred in Stuart, Iowa, in April, 1891, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard have an adopted son, Ira A., who is now eleven years of age and is attending school.

In politics Mr. Hibbard is a republican, while his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He also has membership relations with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He is recognized throughout Madison county as a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen and commands the confidence and respect of the entire community.

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### JOSEPH CARTER.

Joseph Carter, who passed away in Winterset in 1908, was for many years a prominent and successful farmer. He was born in Jackson county, Indiana, April 12, 1832, and was orphaned when but twelve years of age. He was bound out for a number of years but left the man before his time expired. In 1851 he came to Iowa, locating in Tama county, where he remained until 1859, when he removed to Madison county. Three years later he was married and took up his abode in Tama county, where he resided for eighteen months. At the end of that time he returned to this county and purchased forty acres of land in Douglas township. Upon the death of his father-in-law he bought one hundred and sixty acres of his estate and operated the farm for many years, proving very successful in the cultivation of his fields and the raising of stock. At length he accumulated a competence that enabled him to retire from active life and he took up his abode in Winterset, where he passed away on the 10th of April, 1908. Two days later, or on the anniversary of his birth, he was laid in his last resting-place. In early manhood he made three trips across the plains, the first time going to Pike's Peak with his brother on foot and drawing a handcart in which were their effects. The next time he drove an ox team. As the claims had all been taken in the section to which he went he only made his expenses but never regretted the trips, as he gained much valuable experience.

Mr. Carter was married in 1862 in Douglas township, this county, to Miss Adela Evans, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, on the 16th of February, 1838, of the marriage of Robert and Elizabeth (Shumaker) Evans, natives of Indiana and Pennsylvania respectively. In 1841 they came overland to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river at Burlington. At that time Burlington had but a few houses and there were no towns of any size in the whole state of Iowa. They located upon a farm in Des Moines county, where they remained for a decade, but in 1851 they came to Madison county and settled on government land in what subsequently became Douglas township. Mr. Evans and his daughter camped on North river while he cut and sawed logs for the new cabin that was to be the family dwelling. He had but few tools and was obliged to make the shingles for the roof with a drawing knife. At last the house was completed and the family

were preparing to move in on Monday but the day before the structure was destroyed by fire. Later a new cabin was built and it remained the family home for some time. Mr. Evans first entered one hundred and sixty acres of government land but later added to his farm until he became the owner of three hundred acres. He passed away in 1880 and was survived by his wife, whose demise occurred in Winterset. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Hugh, who died in Adair county; Mrs. Carter; William, a resident of Oklahoma; Joseph and Benjamin, twins, who died in childhood; Nancy, the wife of Andrew Spear, a resident of Jackson township; Alexander, who is living in Oklahoma; Amanda, who died when fourteen years old; Sarah Ellen, deceased; John, who is living in Nebraska; Sylvania, the deceased wife of Harry Gutchall; and Andrew J., who resides in Montana.

Mr. Carter was never a member of any church although he favored the Baptist denomination. His ballot was cast in support of the democratic party but he did not take further part in public affairs. He concentrated his attention upon his farm work and became the owner of a valuable property. He made many loyal friends, although of a somewhat retiring disposition, and his demise was sincerely mourned. His widow, although almost seventy-eight years of age, is in quite good health and lives alone in Winterset and does her own housework. She owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Douglas township and derives a good income therefrom. She can recall many incidents of pioneer times and derives satisfaction from the thought that she has aided in the great work of transforming Iowa from a wild though rich territory into one of the greatest agricultural states of the Union.

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#### FRED F. MARDIS.

Fred F. Mardis, who is successfully engaged in dealing in coal, lime and cement and who is also a general contractor of Winterset, was born here on the 25th of September, 1874, a son of Thomas F. Mardis, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The subject of this review received excellent educational advantages in his youth and after completing the public-school course he entered the high school of Winterset and supplemented the knowledge there acquired by one year of study in a commercial college at Des Moines. He learned the brick-mason's trade under his father and with his brother John worked in Des Moines at that trade for about ten years. Upon returning to Winterset he engaged in contracting in partnership with his father until the latter's death in 1908. They established a coalyard in 1901, which is now one of the leading establishments of that character in the city. Fred F. Mardis is conducting the business alone and has a good trade. His business dealings are always above question and it is known that he gives good value for money received. As a contractor he has taken high rank in Winterset and its vicinity and has erected a number of excellent buildings here.

On the 14th of April, 1897, Mr. Mardis married Miss Jessie Snyder, of Winterset, a daughter of Samuel Snyder, a pioneer grocer of this city, who was

engaged in business here for a half century. Mr. and Mrs. Mardis have two daughters, both at home, namely: Josephine and Helen.

Mr. Mardis is a republican and has done not a little to secure the success of his party in many local elections. Fraternally he is connected with Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., of Winterset; and the commandery, consistory and Shrine of Des Moines. His wife is a member of the Methodist church and he attends the services of that church. He has been successful in his business undertakings and has many excellent qualities of character, which have won for him the warm regard of his friends.

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### GEORGE H. ORR.

George H. Orr for the past ten years has lived retired in Winterset, enjoying a life of ease made possible by assiduous labor in earlier life. He was born in Monroeville, Huron county, Ohio, on the 19th of January, 1841, a son of James and Martha C. (Thompson) Orr. The father was born in Ross county, Ohio, November 11, 1811, and the mother was also a native of that county and was born in 1807. Mr. Orr farmed in Ohio, living successively in Huron, Crawford and Wyandot counties. In 1879 he removed to Madison county, Iowa, and settled upon a small farm in Scott township, where his death occurred in September, 1898, when he was almost eighty-seven years of age. His wife also exceeded the Psalmist's three score years and ten, as she passed away when seventy-five years of age. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and most worthy people. He made two trips across the plains to California and delivered horses to the wheat fields of that state, and also bought and shipped horses, cattle and hogs extensively. He was the father of five children: William C., who died in Crawford county, Ohio; Helen Elizabeth and Jennie, both of whom died in young womanhood and but a month apart; George H., of this review; and James D., a resident of Des Moines.

George H. Orr was reared upon his father's farm in Ohio and when twenty-two years of age began farming on his own account, having in his boyhood and youth learned practical methods of agriculture. For two years he operated his brother's farm and for four or five years his father's and then purchased two hundred acres of land in Wyandot county, Ohio, which he cultivated until the family removed to Madison county, Iowa. He purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township, which was but poorly improved, and at once began remodeling the buildings and bringing the land to a higher state of cultivation. When he retired from active life in 1905 the property was one of the valuable farms of this locality, the fields were well fenced, the barns and other buildings were commodious and well adapted to their purposes, and the residence was substantial and comfortable. He found farming congenial and also lucrative and has a competence which enables him to live retired in his comfortable home on East Court avenue, Winterset.

Mr. Orr was married in Ohio to Miss Kate Gray, who was born February 22, 1840, a daughter of Daniel and Lydia (Myrtle) Gray, both of whom were born in New York. They were married in Steuben county, that state, and both

passed away in Goodland, Indiana, where the father farmed for many years. In early life he took quite a prominent part in public affairs and was a representative to the New York legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have seven children. Jennie is the wife of A. L. Foster, of Winterset, and they have two children: Nellie, who married Herman B. Gates, treasurer of the state of Wyoming; and Lloyd, a veterinary surgeon at Greenfield, Iowa. William C. married Myrtle Feeley and they have two children, Guy and Clifford. He and his family reside upon his father's farm. Clara is the wife of Elmer Feeley, a farmer of Scott township, and they have two children: Beulah, who will graduate as a trained nurse from the State University of Colorado at Boulder; and Josephine, who is attending the Winterset high school. Frank, a farmer in Scott township, married Miss Cora Foster and they have one child, Gerald. Edna gave her hand in marriage to Melvin Foster, a farmer of Monroe township, and they have a son, George, who is named for both of his grandfathers. Harry, a farmer of Scott township, married Miss Mabel Wilson and their children are Mildred and Claude. Robert, a stockman of Winterset, married Miss Louise Green and they have a daughter, Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Orr celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on the 12th of March, 1912, when they received the felicitations of their many friends.

Mr. Orr is a republican and is staunch in his allegiance to that party, whose principles he believes to be based upon sound conceptions of political and economic science. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both are at all times eager to cooperate in movements that seek the moral betterment of the community. He is a man of magnificent physique, six feet tall and well proportioned, and although he is seventy-four years of age seems yet a young man. He is not only in excellent health and very active but has the spirit of youth, being intensely interested in all that is occurring and believing that the world is better than it was in years gone by.

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#### ANDREW J. HOISINGTON.

By E. R. Zeller.

The members of the Historical Society who were present at the annual meeting about two years ago have not forgotten the able and interesting paper read at that time by A. J. Hoisington. At the request of the president it becomes my agreeable duty to prepare a short sketch of his useful and active life, which, after more than one year of suffering and decline, ended February 25, 1907, at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. B. Johnson, of Union township.

Mr. Hoisington was born near Quincy, Adams county, Illinois, July 12, 1848. He came with his parents to Madison county, Iowa, in 1859, after residing in Greene county some years previously. His youth and early manhood were spent on and about the old Hoisington farm, where the aged parents still reside. During three months of each winter he attended district school, the last term being at the Farris schoolhouse, Edward Sterman being the teacher. One term of three months he spent at the Winterset Academy, presided over by J. S. McCaughan, and this was all the schooling he had. Having worked on the farm and attended school during his boyhood, in early manhood he combined farming





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with school teaching—farming during the summer and teaching during the winter. He was unusually successful as a teacher and there were many boys and girls, now grown to maturity, who were his pupils, and from whom the writer has heard many incidents related illustrating his force of character, habits of thought and mental characteristics.

As suggested by his name, he came into the world as an Andrew Jackson democrat, but like many thousand other Andrew Jackson democrats, the elder Mr. Hoisington became a republican during the early history of the republican party, and the young man may be said to have imbibed these principles in his youth. When he came to his manhood he was active and influential in political affairs, and we know of at least one man who has held an important official position in this county who owed his nomination and election to the personal efforts of Andy Hoisington.

When the Granger movement was organized in Madison county, young Hoisington entered heartily into the enterprise and was nominated for county auditor on the Granger ticket. He was defeated by but a few votes, notwithstanding the fact that he made no effort to be elected, and the other fact that his opponent was that prince of good fellows and adroit politician, C. C. Goodale. We have heard it said that notwithstanding the very cordial relations existing between him and his father, the elder Hoisington refused to vote for him, giving as a reason that Andy was on the wrong ticket. This may be true or not, it is immaterial anyhow. About this time he was doing newspaper work, both in Winterset and Des Moines, and in the mail brought to the office where he was working was some advertising matter describing the glories of Kansas and especially that part where the Arkansas river makes a big bend in the west central part of the state. He was so impressed by this that he immediately resolved to go west and went. This move was the beginning of a long period of prosperity and almost phenomenal success. The beginning of his career in Kansas was just where he left off in Iowa; the climax was property worth half a million dollars and political influence second to none in the state; the decline came with bad times in Kansas and the final result was a failure of health and comparative poverty.

On going to Kansas, he first engaged in school teaching near the town of Great Bend, and soon after he established a newspaper, which he called the Register, in honor of the Des Moines Register, a paper for which he always had a feeling akin to reverence. The first issue of the Great Bend Register was on May 9, 1874. He struggled along as the early pioneers of that country alone can realize but prosperity soon came and advancement was rapid and uninterrupted. The Great Bend Register soon became the most influential paper in Western Kansas and it was through this medium that he launched his political and business career. In a few years he became a leading politician of the state; he was idealized and fawned upon by political friends; feared and avoided by his political enemies. The writer well remembers the Kansas delegation as it appeared in Chicago in 1884, when Blaine was nominated for president. The members of this delegation were all of tall and imposing appearance. They wore broad brimmed, white cowboy hats; they were loud and boisterous for the proved knight of Maine. Mr. Hoisington was the leader of this delegation, and through his courtesy many Madison county visitors got tickets of admission into the convention. When Senator Ingalls was at the height of his popularity he depended

upon no one more than on his loyal and enthusiastic ally at Great Bend, and during his tours through the state was a guest at Mr. Hoisington's home. He might have had most any appointment which lay within the scope of that influential distributor of administrative patronage, but he asked for none except early in his career, when he was appointed receiver of the land office. He preferred rather to give his whole time and energy to personal, political and business enterprises. He organized and was president of a string of banks extending over the west half of Kansas from Hoisington on the north, to Coolidge on the south. He was interested in a dozen or more newspapers throughout the same territory. He participated in some of the most vigorous and hotly contested county seat fights throughout southwestern Kansas and usually conducted the contests so as to come out on the winning side. A recent article appearing in the Great Bend Register records the fact that none in that section wielded the political and business influence that A. J. Hoisington did at one time. He was uniformly and eminently successful in all the enterprises upon which he embarked. Such was Andrew Hoisington at the zenith of his power and influence, and it was at this time that there was a town built on the newly opened Missouri Pacific Railway and named in his honor, Hoisington.

Financial disaster, bank failures, industrial and financial depression, due to crop failure and collapsed business adventures, together with bad crops and grasshoppers, swept down to ruin thousands of well planned and hopeful appearing enterprises. Mr. Hoisington was one of the victims; he was helpless; he could do nothing but stand by and see his fortune dwindle away by the thousands each day. In the midst of his reverses his faithful wife, whom he had married in this county the same year he had left here, and who had always been an inspiration to him, died. She was a sister of George and Sidney Smith, of Jefferson township. Her remains were brought back to this county and interred in the beautiful rural cemetery near her old home in Jefferson township, whither were borne the remains of the subject of this sketch a few weeks ago.

Mr. Hoisington went from Garden City, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri, a few years ago, where he published some authorities on banking, but this business venture does not seem to have been successful. He soon disposed of this and returned to Great Bend, Kansas, where he engaged in newspaper and other literary work until 1905, when he was appointed assistant secretary of the state senate of Kansas. Upon the adjournment of the legislature he returned to Madison county, Iowa, to visit his relatives and write a history of the county. The present editor of the Great Bend Register, in a recent issue says: "There was something in the character of A. J. Hoisington of great worth and that something is not found as often as it should be; he was loyal. No person could ever accuse him of being a traitor to any cause; in all his political, business and personal associations he never betrayed a man. The writer prized his friendship because it was of the truest kind; any confidence placed in him was safe; he would not betray it."

As before suggested, Mr. Hoisington contemplated the publication of the history of Madison county, and he spent the greater part of the year 1905 in examining records, correspondence, and compilation of facts from these sources of information. He was able to draw largely from the fund of information acquired by personal experience in the county during the most receptive period of his life,

it being from the time he was eleven years old till he was twenty-six. He threw his whole soul and energy into the work, the completion of which was the great ambition of his life. It was probably the strenuous application and close confinement of this work which caused a gradual and unremitting failure of both mind and body. He was not afflicted with any great bodily pain, neither did he have any violent mental and physical paroxysms of suffering. He gradually faded out. His heroic efforts to put into perfect form facts relating to the early history of Madison county during the first fifty years of its occupancy are greatly appreciated by the members of this society and in this he was ably and patiently assisted by our president, H. A. Mueller. The voluminous manuscript which was nearly completed at the time he was stricken down is in possession of either Mr. Mueller or his heirs at law; possibly it is their joint ownership, and in either case it is the sincere wish of the writer, who takes it upon himself to speak for the public, to have it published and thereby leave to the coming generations a befitting memorial to A. J. Hoisington and a valuable asset to the Historical Society of Madison county.

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#### BENJAMIN F. BOWLSBY.

Winterset numbers Benjamin F. Bowlsby among its valued and respected citizens and Madison county claimed him for many years as one of its leading agriculturists, but at the present time he is living retired, having now passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey. For more than sixty-three years he has made his home in this state and has been a witness of much of its development and progress. He was born near Muncie, Delaware county, Indiana, September 30, 1839, and is descended from English and German ancestry. His paternal grandfather emigrated from England in company with two brothers and became one of the first settlers of Indiana. He probably served as a soldier in the War of 1812.

William H. Bowlsby, father of Benjamin F. Bowlsby, was born in Union county, Indiana, March 18, 1815. He was but fourteen years of age when his father died and he was bound out to learn the blacksmith's trade, serving a regular apprenticeship. He was reared in the wilderness of Indiana and pioneer conditions existed when he opened a blacksmith shop on his own account in Union county. Later he removed to Delaware county, where he married and also conducted a blacksmith shop for several years. About 1843, however, he removed to Hollansburg, Darke county, Ohio, where he engaged in blacksmithing until June, 1852. That year witnessed his arrival in Oskaloosa, Iowa. With a team of horses and a wagon he journeyed across the country and after reaching Oskaloosa he rented a shop and followed his trade. He exchanged his team for land at Linn Grove, Jasper county, Iowa, thus becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres. In the spring of 1854 he came to Winterset and entered two tracts of one hundred and twenty acres each in this county. He also entered two lots in the town, building a shop near the south side of the square. He conducted the business for a year and then built a gravel wall shop on the lots that he had previously purchased. There he conducted business for about a year, when he traded all of his town property for land in Scott township. At one time he was

the owner of about four hundred acres. However, he built a shop on his farm and continued blacksmithing, while his son Benjamin conducted the farm. The father continued at his trade until November, 1866, when he removed to Osceola, Iowa, where he conducted a smithy until about 1900, when he retired on account of his age. The last year of his life was spent at the home of his son in Clarke county, Iowa, where he died June 15, 1901. He was a republican in his political views, active in his support of the party. He belonged to the Methodist church and he ever displayed those sterling traits of character which command respect and confidence. He was a self-made man and his was a successful life, indicating clearly what can be accomplished when determination and energy lead the way.

On the 5th of May, 1836, William H. Bowsby was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ann Garretson, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 18th of June, 1817, her parents being Benjamin and Hannah (Way) Garretson, likewise natives of the Keystone state. On removing westward they settled in Indiana in 1829 and in the year 1851 came to Iowa, establishing their home in Winterset in 1852. Her father was a Methodist preacher and also followed the trade of shoemaking in early life, but in his later years he devoted his entire time to the work of the ministry. In 1861 he removed to Osceola, Iowa, where he engaged in preaching until his death, which occurred in November, 1863. His wife survived him until about 1866 or 1867. Their daughter, Mrs. Bowsby, went to Indiana with her parents during her girlhood and was married in that state, after which she accompanied her husband to Iowa, becoming one of the pioneer women of Madison county. As there was no hotel in her locality she entertained all the travelers who came their way, her home being hospitably open. She died in Clarke county, Iowa, August 31, 1904. In the family were nine children, of whom four died in infancy. The eldest of the family were Benjamin F. and a twin, but the latter died in infancy; Eliza J. is the wife of J. R. Compton, living in Oklahoma City; James F. is a retired farmer, making his home in Des Moines; Addison K. lived in Clarke county, Iowa, where he passed away; Hannah M. is the wife of Andrew Barr.

Benjamin F. Bowsby was a lad of about thirteen years when the family came to Iowa. He was a pupil in the first frame school building erected in Winterset. His father was a blacksmith, but Benjamin did not like the trade, so the father exchanged town property for a farm, of which the son took charge, continuing its cultivation from 1856 until he was married in 1860. At that time his father gave him eighty acres of the homestead and he successfully cultivated the place until the outbreak of the Civil war. He and his father, equipped with a drum and fife, made their way all over Madison county, instilling the spirit of patriotism in the citizens and assisting in the organization of Company F, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and several others. On the 9th of August, 1862, Benjamin F. Bowsby joined Company A of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, with which he was connected throughout the remainder of the period of hostilities. He took part in the battle of Parker's Crossroads in Tennessee, in the engagement at Corinth, Mississippi, and in numerous other skirmishes and battles. He was on duty with the Third Brigade, Second Division of the Sixteenth Army Corps, commanded by General G. M. Dodge. On the 2d of November, 1863, he was taken to Middle Tennessee, and in the spring of 1864 went with Sherman in the campaign to Atlanta. His division was sent to Rome, Georgia, to take care of the sick and

wounded and there remained until the troops were started in pursuit of General Wheeler. A month was spent in that way, after which they returned to Rome, where they remained until ordered to Allatoona Pass on the 5th of October, 1864. In the engagement which there occurred the regiment to which Mr. Bowsby belonged suffered heavy losses and Mr. Bowsby, with others of the command, was captured and marched a distance of about two hundred miles to Columbus, Georgia, and afterward was taken to the Millan stockade. There he remained until about the time Sherman started for the sea, when the Union prisoners were moved in his advance from place to place. They were first at Savannah, later at Charleston for a time and then were taken to the stockade at Florence, where the winter of 1864-65 was passed until the 20th of February, during which time they were kept on quarter rations. In February they removed to Wilmington, North Carolina, and two days later proceeded to Goldsboro, but after one day were taken back to Wilmington. While they were there the Union army came up and they had to move on or else the prisoners would have been recaptured by the Union troops. While they were being transported from Wilmington Mr. Bowsby jumped off the cars and hid himself until he could make his escape. He found some northern sympathizers who hid him in the swamp for about a week and furnished him with food. He was exchanged on Cape Fear river, North Carolina. Suffering from swamp fever, he was sent to the hospital in Wilmington, where he remained for six weeks and during that time General Lee and his army surrendered. As Mr. Bowsby was then able to walk to the boat landing, he took a transport to Fortress Monroe and proceeded thence to Annapolis, Maryland, and on to Benton Barracks, Missouri, where he obtained a furlough and returned home. Ere the expiration of his furlough the war department ordered him to report to Davenport, Iowa, and there he was honorably discharged in May, 1865. He knows all of the experiences of war with its hardships and its horrors and, while he never regretted that he aided in the defense of the Union, he was glad when it was possible to return home, knowing that the country was once more united.

After the war was over Mr. Bowsby settled on a farm in Madison county and continuously engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1900, when he retired and took up his abode in Winterset, where he now makes his home. He was married in 1860 to Miss Catherine S. Hyskell, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania and when fourteen years of age came to Iowa with her parents, Jacob and Mary Ann Hyskell. They were also natives of the Keystone state and in 1856 arrived in this county, settling in Walnut township. Mrs. Bowsby passed away January 27, 1894. There were ten children of that marriage: Marietta, who became the wife of William Southwick and lived in Wisconsin until her death, which occurred in 1904; Minnie, the wife of Sherman Gregory, of Des Moines; May, the wife of Frank Davidson, of Des Moines; Walter H., who carries on farming in North Dakota; Clarence C., who wedded Miss Emma Brown, of Madison county, and lives in Des Moines; Frank O., a resident of Omaha, who married Miss Elmina Gregory, of Madison county, Iowa; Othello, who died in 1908; Bertha, the wife of William Weyhranch, of Wisconsin; Fred A., who is a rural route mail carrier living at Winterset and who married Miss Ada Lowden, a native of Madison county; and Blanche, the wife of Albert Weyhranch, also of Wisconsin. Our subject also has the following grandchildren: Ernest, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Southwick, who is married and

has a daughter; Curtis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gregory; Roy and Clara, who are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson, the former being married and having a daughter, Alice May; Edith and Bessie, the daughters of Walter H. Bowsby, of North Dakota; Everett, Merle and Lucille, who are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Bowsby; two sons and two daughters who are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Bowsby, of Omaha; Opal and Emmett, who are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Othello Bowsby and are living in Kokomo, Indiana, with their widowed mother; Arthur, the son of Fred A. Bowsby; and Alberta May, Bernard and a baby boy, who are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weyhranch. For his second wife Benjamin F. Bowsby chose Mrs. M. J. Krabel, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of a Methodist Episcopal minister.

Mr. Bowsby owns a nice residence in Winterset and is still the owner of his farm of two hundred and sixty-one acres of valuable land. He served as drum major of his regiment during the Civil war and is still a good drummer, his services being in demand at state encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a member of the Des Moines Veteran Drum Corps and National Association of Civil War Musicians, and he is a charter member of Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset. In politics he is a republican and has held various offices, to which he has been elected as the representative of that party. As a veteran of the Civil war, as a pioneer citizen of Madison county and as one of its foremost representative farmers he deserves mention in this volume, and the rest which has come to him is well merited, being the direct result of his perseverance and industry. He has a very wide acquaintance in the county and among his acquaintances there are many warm friends.

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#### CLARENCE E. WILSON.

Clarence E. Wilson, of Penn township, is one of the most progressive and energetic of the farmers of that township, and his place on section 1 is as finely improved as any farm in the township. In addition to growing the usual crops he raises thoroughbred stock and finds that the two phases of agriculture can best be followed at the same time. He is a native of Penn township, born on the 14th of December, 1871, of the marriage of Christopher and Martha (Newby) Wilson, both natives of Indiana. The father became a resident of Madison county, Iowa, before the day of the railroads and bought land in Penn township of the federal government. For many years he farmed there but the last four years of his life were spent in Earlham. He was successful to a marked degree and acquired almost six hundred acres of land. He passed away on the 26th of March, 1909, but his widow is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Godby.

Clarence E. Wilson attended the public schools in the neighborhood of the family homestead and supplemented the education thus acquired by study in Earlham Academy and in Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa. When he reached his majority his father took him into partnership and he continued to remain with his parents until the demise of his father. He then purchased two hundred







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and forty acres of land on section 1, Penn township, and has since utilized his energies in its cultivation and development. It is now splendidly improved, the fields are enclosed with durable fencing, the barns and outbuildings are well adapted for the storage of grain and the shelter of stock, and the fertility of the soil has been carefully conserved. His residence is attractive and commodious, and everything about the place is neat in appearance.

On the 4th of March, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wilson and Miss Myrtle Thomas, a daughter of Mark and Almeda (Barnett) Thomas, more detailed mention of whom is made in the sketch of E. M. Thomas, which appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have one child, Audrey M., who is in her first year.

Mr. Wilson is a republican and takes the interest in public affairs that he deems to be the duty of every good citizen. His religious faith is that of the Friends church. He is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Earlham but derives the greater part of his income from his agricultural and stock-raising interests. He raises nothing but thoroughbred stock, specializing in shorthorn cattle, Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs. He has found farming a very profitable occupation and also a congenial one, as he prefers out-of-door work and as he values highly the independence of the agriculturist. He believes that the successful operation of a farm demands much expert knowledge and willingness to embody in practice the results of scientific investigators and that the management of the financial phases of agriculture affords ample scope for the exercise of sound business judgment and accordingly endeavors to keep informed as to the latest discoveries in the science of agriculture and to learn exactly the profit that he derives from the various phases of his work. His example is one that contributes in no small degree to the development of a scientific attitude toward farming.

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#### FRED HARRIS WILKINSON.

Fred Harris Wilkinson was born upon a farm in Scott township on the 22d of February, 1876, a son of W. S. and Mary (Harris) Wilkinson, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. He passed the days of his boyhood and youth much as did other lads who were reared in Iowa when it was a frontier state. Much of his time was taken up in assisting with the work of improving and developing the homestead, but his education was not neglected and in the public schools he mastered the rudimentary branches of learning. After reaching years of manhood he continued to reside on the homestead and to cultivate the fields and care for the stock and he is still living on that farm, which is now in his possession. The land is naturally productive and its fertility has been conserved by the careful cultivation and rotation of crops, and as his methods are efficient he derives a good annual income from his agricultural labors.

In 1902 Mr. Wilkinson married Miss Mary Cridling, who was born in Worth county, Missouri, a daughter of John and Laura (Evans) Cridling, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have two daughters, Muriel and Bernice. The name of Wilkinson has been associated with the

development of Madison county since its earliest days and our subject is worthy of the heritage of honor left by his father and is in this day and generation manifesting the same spirit of progressiveness, scrupulous honesty and concern for the public welfare. He is independent in politics and usually votes for the man whom he thinks best qualified for office.

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#### ADDISON C. DOUGLASS.

Among the retired farmers and veterans of the Civil war living in Truro is Addison C. Douglass, who was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, on the 8th of September, 1841, a son of John and Nancy (Moody) Douglass. The father, a native of Wales and a carpenter by trade, was married in Ohio, where his wife was born of Yankee descent. They remained in the Buckeye state until our subject was nine years of age and then removed to Lee county, Iowa, where Mr. Douglass bought a farm at a dollar and a quarter per acre. After living there for a year he sold the place and removed with his family to Van Buren county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and resided several years, after which he again sold and removed to Afton, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life retired from active work. Both he and his wife passed away there.

Addison C. Douglass acquired his education in the district schools four miles from his home and remained with his parents until August, 1862, when he joined the Union army at Winchester, Iowa, being enrolled as a member of Company I, Nineteenth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel McFarland, who was killed in the battle of Prairie Grove. The regiment rendezvoused at Keokuk and then went to St. Louis, Missouri, whence they were sent successively to Rolla and Springfield, Missouri, and to Prairie Grove, Arkansas. At the last named place there was a hard battle, in which our subject was shot in the ear and his cousin, John Douglass, was killed at his side. Mr. Douglass of this review was often under fire and participated in much hard fighting at Baltimore, Maryland, and Springfield, Missouri. On the 5th of July, 1865, he was mustered out of the service at Indianapolis, Indiana, and received his honorable discharge. He then returned to Van Buren county, Iowa, and engaged in farming on the home place.

In 1867 Mr. Douglass came to Madison county and bought eighty acres of land on section 12, Ohio township, paying four dollars and fifty-five cents per acre. He located upon the place and devoted his entire time and energy to its cultivation. He planned his work wisely and was prompt in the execution of his plans; his crops were abundant and brought a good price on the market. He also raised stock, the sale of which added materially to his income. He resided upon his farm in Ohio township about four decades and was recognized as a progressive and successful agriculturist. As he prospered he purchased more land and acquired in all two hundred acres. In the spring of 1905 he rented his property to his youngest son and bought town property in Truro, building a comfortable home, and he and his wife are now living retired there.

On the 3d of February, 1867, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Douglass and Miss Mary Jane Christy, a daughter of John and Nancy (Perkins) Christy,

both natives of Indiana, the former of Yankee descent. They were married in the Hoosier state and in 1854 removed to Missouri, where John Christy purchased a large tract of land. At the outbreak of the war he was driven out of his community because of his northern sympathies and lost everything that he possessed. He came to Iowa, locating in Van Buren county, where he became a landowner. Subsequently he removed to Kansas and both he and his wife died at Belleville, that state, at the home of their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass have four children. Stephen A. Douglass, who was born on the 17th of December, 1867, is now postmaster at Adel, Iowa. He married Miss Minnie Holloway and they have two children, Carroll Christy and Eleanor Virginia. Ernest Edwin, whose birth occurred on the 27th of August, 1870, is employed in the harness shop of John Catterlin at Winterset in the capacity of manager. Fred Lloyd, who was born on the 8th of May, 1872, and is now farming in Ohio township, married Miss Carrie Phillips and they have three children, Ansel Russell, Velma Ethel and Orville Phillips. Martin Luther, born January 17, 1874, now rents the homestead in Ohio township from his father. He is a leading stockman of his township, feeding and buying stock which he ships to Chicago.

Until late years Mr. Douglass supported the republican party, but he is now independent in politics, considering rather the qualifications of the candidate than his party affiliations. He served for two terms as school director in his district in Ohio township. His wife is a member of the Baptist church and was for some years identified with the Woman's Relief Corps of Truro. While there was a Grand Army post at Truro Mr. Douglass belonged there, but after the post surrendered its charter he became a member of the St. Charles post. He has at all times taken a commendable interest in public affairs and his public spirit has prompted him to place the general welfare above individual gain, and he has thus manifested the same patriotism that led to his enlistment in the army at the time of the Civil war.

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#### W. P. LOVE.

W. P. Love, senior member of the firm of W. P. Love & Company, who own a general store in Macksburg, was born in Knox county, Illinois, in 1853, a son of John D. and Phoebe (Jones) Love, natives respectively of North Carolina and of Ohio. The father removed with his parents to Indiana and thence to Knoxville, Illinois, where he engaged in carpentering and contracting. In 1864 he took up his residence in Madison county and in addition to working as a carpenter contractor conducted a sawmill on Grand river for some time. In 1872 he removed to Macksburg, where he established the store now conducted by W. P. Love & Company. He was active in its management for more than two decades but eventually retired and for ten years before his demise was an invalid. He passed away on the 20th of November, 1906, and was survived until the 1st of March, 1908, by his widow.

W. P. Love was reared in Illinois and in Grand River township, this county, and received a common-school education. In 1872 he became associated with his father in the management of the latter's store and was later taken into partner-

ship. At length he succeeded his father and has now admitted his son Clyde to the business, the firm name being W. P. Love & Company. They carry a stock of groceries, dry goods and shoes, and as their trade is good and as they manage their affairs wisely they receive a gratifying profit from their store.

Mr. Love married Miss Elizabeth Rowe, who was born in Davis county, this state, and is a daughter of Martin Rowe, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Love have five children, Clyde, Eugene, Myrtle, Onie and Ethel.

Mr. Love exercises his right of franchise, believing it to be every citizen's duty to do so, and his ballot is cast for the candidates of the democratic party. He holds membership in Fern Lodge, No. 558, A. F. & A. M., at Lorimor, and those who are associated with him most intimately know best that the spirit of fraternity is the guiding principle of his life. He is one of the progressive merchants of Macksburg and is a factor in the commercial expansion of his village.

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### JOHN S. TAYLOR.

John S. Taylor, eighty years of age, is still active in the management of his real-estate interests in Des Moines, possessing the vigor, energy and ambition of a man of much younger years. His efforts in the real-estate field have been an element in the city's development and improvement as well as a source of individual success. He laid out Taylor Park, an attractive residence district, and there he now resides, his home being at Forty-second street and John Lynde road. He was born in Addison county, Vermont, February 20, 1835, a son of N. S. Taylor, who was also a native of Vermont, where he was reared. When about twenty-eight or thirty years of age N. S. Taylor removed to Cleveland, Ohio, by wagon and in that state engaged in farming, remaining there for about twenty years, or until 1856, when he came to Iowa and settled in Madison county. He conducted a hotel in Winterset for a time but afterward removed to Adair, Iowa, where he conducted a stage station until elected county judge. He afterward served as county auditor for several terms and made a most creditable record in public office. His political allegiance was given to the whig party in his early life. When the question of slavery became a paramount issue before the people he was an abolitionist and afterward a freesoiler and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery into the north he joined its ranks. For many years he remained a most active and prominent political worker and he served as justice of the peace until ninety years of age. His death occurred in Casey, Iowa, when he had reached the age of ninety-four. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Naomi Streeter, was a native of New York, where she was reared. She with her husband came to Iowa in 1856 from Ohio, making the trip by wagon, and she died at Fontanelle, Iowa, at the age of eighty-five years. By her marriage she had become the mother of six children.

John S. Taylor, the third in order of birth, was but a child when the family removed to Ohio. Upon the home farm he was reared and when about eleven years of age he entered Berea College, near Cleveland, where he continued his studies until he reached the age of twenty years, his parents having removed to



that locality in order to educate their children. In 1855 he made his way westward to Chicago and drove a team from there to Burlington, where he got an order to go to Keokuk and get a load of groceries for J. G. Vawter, of Winterset. There were no bridges at that time and teaming was much more difficult than in this age of well built bridges and improved roads. Mr. Taylor afterward engaged in clerking in the store of Mr. Vawter, of Winterset, for a time and subsequently was sent by him to Nebraska to look after his interests in that state, where for several years he occupied a most responsible position. He was only a boy in years and moreover he had to conduct the business during the troublous times following the financial panic of 1857. Soon afterward he began operating in stock and ran a freight train to Colorado, outfitting in the spring at Omaha. He continued freighting during the period of gold excitement through the summer seasons and during the winter months he taught school in Winterset and Madison county for several years. In 1865 he made his last freighting trip, for soon afterward he purchased a farm in Madison township, Madison county, and engaged in the cultivation of the soil and in the stock business. He engaged extensively in feeding horses, cattle and hogs and he raised many Herefords, having a large herd for those days. He became a very prominent stock raiser, dealer and shipper, conducting business at Winterset for many years. He remained upon the farm for seven years and then took up his abode in the city of Winterset, from which point he managed his farm and live-stock business. He also embarked in the mercantile business with a partner, the firm of Pitzer & Taylor continuing for several years. He was likewise proprietor of a livery stable in Winterset, employing a number of capable and responsible men to assist him in the various branches of his business. He continued his merchandising, his farm and his live-stock business in and near Winterset for many years and met with a most creditable and gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings.

In 1884 Mr. Taylor removed to Des Moines but still retained his farms and continued to cultivate them and to feed and sell stock. After taking up his abode in the capital city he began dealing in real estate and he was also proprietor of a grocery store there for two years and of another at Earlham, Madison county. Several years ago, however, he disposed of his mercantile interests. During the early period of his residence in Des Moines he purchased acreage property and he owned the ground where Grant Park is now located. He sold in lots one hundred and ninety-two acres known as Thompson's Bend and at one time he was the owner of Union Park and the grounds of the Gun Club and the ball park. He had a large tract of land known as Taylor Park, which he divided and sold in town lots, transforming it into a fine residence district. He also handled considerable property in the downtown district, buying and selling. He still retains the ownership of acreage property at Twenty-ninth and Tiffin streets and owns considerable other city realty. He has been very successful and is still an active and prominent real-estate dealer, devoting his time now to the collection of his rents and to the supervision of his interests. Although he is now past eighty years of age, he is still hale and hearty and is as active as most men at sixty-five.

On the 20th of January, 1861, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Etna Bennett, who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, January 3, 1841, a daughter of Jacob Bennett, a pioneer of Madison township, Madison county, Iowa, mention of whom is found elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Taylor was reared in Madison

township and also survives. They never had any children of their own but have educated seven girls and five boys, providing liberal intellectual training for them. It must be a matter of immense satisfaction to them that they have so liberally provided for young people in a manner that will enable them to make the most of life.

In politics Mr. Taylor is a staunch republican and although he has often been solicited to accept the candidacy for office he has always declined. He was made a Mason at De Soto, Iowa, in 1868, and later took a demit to Evening Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset. He also joined the Royal Arch chapter, the Knight Templar commandery and the consistory of Des Moines. He is likewise a charter member of the Mystic Shrine and of the Eastern Star of Des Moines, and Mrs. Taylor was the first elected matron of the Eastern Star chapter, being called to that office in 1889. Mr. Taylor is likewise a charter member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Iowa. Before the Civil war Mr. Taylor took an active part in the movement whereby many negroes were conveyed northward secretly and at night from one point to another until they were able to win freedom in Canada. This system was known as the underground railway and Mr. Taylor did much to aid various slaves to escape. His influence has always been on the side of progress and improvement, of reform and of right; and his has been an upright, honorable life, which has gained for him the enduring regard of many friends. Wherever he is known he is held in high esteem and most of all where he is best known. Today at the venerable age of eighty years he is still numbered among Des Moines' representative business men and citizens and his life record should put to shame many a man who, grown weary of the struggles and hardships of life, would relegate to others the burdens that he should bear.

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#### NOEL M. BEARDSLEY.

The farmers of Madison county are, on the whole, characterized by progressiveness and energy and such an agriculturist was Noel M. Beardsley, who was born on the 16th of May, 1831, in Ohio. When a young man he removed to Chandlerville, Illinois, where he was married. Later he became a resident of Boone county, Iowa, settling at the old town of Boonesboro, where he worked at the butcher's trade and also operated a small farm which he owned. In 1874 he came to Madison county and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Scott township. There was already a small log house upon the place and there the family took up their residence. Much remained to be done before the farm could be successfully cultivated and first of all it was necessary to clear it of the hazel brush which abounded and which was as high as a man's head. A year after his removal to this county he was called to Chandlerville, Illinois, by the death of his father. He resided there for two years, settling up the estate, and then returned to his farm in this county. His crops were good and brought a good price upon the market and, as he was careful to save as much as possible each year, he was able to add to his holdings from time to time, owning at the time of his death two hundred and forty acres. He improved his place, erected a fine frame residence and good outbuildings and did much to make his



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farm an attractive one. He carried on general farming until his health failed and for the last nine years of his life was unable to work. He passed away on the 3d of October, 1905, on the anniversary of his marriage and about the same hour of the day.

Mr. Beardsley was twice married, his first wife being Miss Julia A. Bonnet, who became his wife on the 26th of March, 1856, when about twenty years of age, her birth having occurred on the 12th of September, 1836. The marriage was solemnized in Chandlerville, Illinois, but the greater part of their wedded life was passed in this state. She died in 1869, leaving three children, namely: James M., who was born on the 31st of March, 1860, and passed away on the 27th of March, 1907; Louis W., who was born October 9, 1861, and is living at College View, Nebraska; and Wilamina, who was born February 18, 1867, and is now the wife of Smith Hann, a hotel man of Winterset. Three children preceded their mother in death; one who died in infancy; David M., whose birth occurred on the 18th of May, 1858, and who died on the 26th of December, 1862; and Cynthia, who was born April 20, 1864, and died May 16, 1866.

Mr. Beardsley was married on the 3d of October, 1869, to Miss Martha J. White, who was born on the 29th of January, 1841, a daughter of Ozias and Sarah (Thompson) White. The father, who was born in the state of New York on the banks of the Niagara river, came to Iowa in 1851, settling in Buchanan county, where he engaged in blacksmithing. His wife was a native of Indiana. Six children were born of the second marriage of Mr. Beardsley, namely: Sissy, whose birth occurred on the 24th of July, 1870, and who died on the 2d of August, 1870; Altha, who was born on the 15th of August, 1871, and is now the wife of Austin Reed, of Peru, Iowa; Almena, whose birth occurred on the 23d of August, 1872, and who died on the 2d of September, of the year following; Eddie, who was born May 31, 1875, and is living with his mother; Theodore, whose birth occurred on the 26th of May, 1876, and who lives on a part of the home farm; and Almon, who was born July 28, 1880, and died on the 21st of August, of that year.

Mr. Beardsley was a democrat and served on the school board, in which connection he did everything in his power to secure the advancement of the public schools. He was upright and industrious and merited and received the respect of those who were brought in contact with him. Mrs. Beardsley gave him the best of care during the nine years of his illness and proved in all respects a true helpmate. She has always been a hard worker and still does her house work, as she could not be content with a life of inactivity and as she is in excellent health. She sold her share of the old home a number of years ago and now resides in a comfortable residence on North Fourth street, Winterset.

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#### OLIVER M. ARCHER.

Oliver M. Archer, a veteran of the Civil war and a retired farmer now living in Truro, was born April 30, 1841, in Putnam county, Indiana, a son of Asa and Margaret (Miller) Archer, natives respectively of New York and of Kentucky. The father was of English descent and the mother of German ancestry. They

removed westward to Indiana, where the father farmed, although in his early manhood he had devoted the greater part of his time to carpenter work. In April, 1846, they removed to Monroe county, Iowa, where he preempted land, and the family home was maintained in that county until September, 1892, when they came to Madison county. The father purchased a farm in South township and resided there until he passed away at the age of ninety-one years, having long survived his wife, her demise occurring in Monroe county.

Oliver M. Archer accompanied his parents on their removal to Monroe county and remained under the parental roof during the period of his minority. He attended the district schools and thus gained a common-school education. On the 25th of March, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry at Albia, Monroe county, under Colonel Hallock. The command rendezvoused at Keokuk, Iowa, and thence were sent to Benton Barracks, St. Louis, where they drew their arms and embarked for Shiloh. They landed at Hamburg and in the fall of that year Mr. Archer participated in the following engagements: Corinth, Iuka and Wilson's Creek. During the charge at Corinth he was so badly jarred by a cannon that he was left on the battlefield as dead. One of the members of his company, detailed to bury the dead, noticed him move and took him to the hospital. He was unconscious for three days and was in the hospital three months before he was well enough to be discharged. He was reported dead and in after years when endeavoring to get a pension it required six years to prove that he was alive. He was discharged at Corinth, Mississippi, and returned home but for two years was unable to do any work. As soon as his health permitted he learned the blacksmith's trade and for eight years followed it. At the end of that time he purchased a farm on Jones creek in South township, Madison county, and resided there for eleven years, after which he removed to the vicinity of Greenfield, Adair county, Iowa, living there for five years. He then returned to Madison county and purchased a farm one and a half miles south of Truro and continued active in its operation until 1906, when he rented his farm to his two sons and removed to Truro, there living retired until the death of his wife, which occurred July 10, 1910. He afterward made his home with his children until 1913, when he returned to Truro, where he has since lived. He rents the eighty acres which he still owns, deriving therefrom a good financial return. As a farmer he was foresighted, industrious and capable, and the competence that he has accumulated is the reward of his wisely directed industry.

Mr. Archer was married in 1865 to Miss Sarah Jane Hinkle. To this union were born four sons: Dalbert Henry, a stockman of Hanley, Iowa, married Miss Venice Alcock, and has one child, Raymond Edward. Gabriel Lewes, who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business in St. Charles, Iowa, married Miss Hattie Houston, and has four children, Hazel, Frank, Gwendolyn and Margaret. Noah Oliver, a lumber dealer of Truro, being a member of the firm of Atkinson & Archer, affiliated with the Truro Lumber Company, married Miss Maude Scott. John William, a well known farmer of Ohio township, married Miss Henrietta Larrington, by whom he has a daughter, Dorothy Ruth.

Mr. Archer was married in 1914 to Mrs. Jennie (McDonald) Scholes, the widow of G. W. Scholes, a harnessmaker of Victor, Iowa. Her parents were William and Jane (Drake) McDonald, both natives of Ohio, the former of Irish

descent and the latter of German and Welsh stock. They were married in 1868 and two years later located in Dixon county, Nebraska, where the father engaged in farming near Ponca. They continued to reside there until death, the demise of the father occurring in 1877, and that of the mother in 1878.

Mr. Archer is a republican and steadfast in his devotion to the party principles. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church and he also holds membership in the Masonic blue lodge at Truro. He helped to organize the Grand Army of the Republic Post at that place and for seven years served as commander. After the post there was discontinued he joined the one at St. Charles, of which he is now a member, and his wife is a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of that place. Mr. Archer has always taken the keenest interest in everything relating to the Grand Army of the Republic and feels that it would be a great loss to the nation if the story of the heroic deeds of the Civil war should ever be suffered to be forgotten. He was a personal friend of General U. S. Grant and often visited him at his headquarters and has always been his sincere admirer. He says of him that he was "an ideal commander—good to his men." Mr. Archer has at all times realized that a man's duty to his country does not consist alone in fighting her battles, but that patriotism may be expressed in the conscientious use of the ballot and in the faithful performance of everyday duty and he has discharged his obligations as a citizen in time of peace as fully as he did in time of war.

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#### JOHN EVANS.

John Evans, an agriculturist residing on section 8, Scott township, is a native son of that township, his birth occurring on the farm which is still his home on the 12th of September, 1871. His father, Henry Evans, was born in Indiana and when fourteen years of age passed through Madison county, Iowa, on foot and later when his mother located here, he made his home with her for the greater part of the time for several years. He improved her farm, which comprised one hundred and seventy-one and a half acres, and when it came into his possession he still further added to its value by erecting a stone house and developing a stone quarry upon the place. The house is now the residence of our subject. Henry Evans married Miss Elizabeth Adkison, who was born in Nelson county, Virginia, but their marriage was solemnized in Missouri. He was an important factor in local politics in the early days of the county and ran for United States senator on the greenback ticket. To him and his wife were born ten children: Emily, the wife of J. C. Thornbrugh, of this county; Levada, the widow of William Hudspeth, a resident of New Mexico; Laura Ann, who married John Cridling, of Winterset, Iowa; Thomas L., a resident of Van Meter, Iowa; William E., who is living in Oklahoma; Jennie, now Mrs. William McCrosky, of Chicago; Mary, the wife of Charles Osborne, of Barney, Iowa; John, of this review; Harry, who has been in the regular army for fourteen years and is now stationed in the Philippines; and Rowena, the wife of Owen Peacock, of Los-Angeles, California.

John Evans has always resided upon the farm which he now owns and attended the public schools in the acquirement of his education. After reaching

years of maturity he purchased the farm from his parents and took care of them in their declining years. He does general farming and his labors have been productive of excellent results, his land yielding abundant crops annually.

On the 16th of February, 1896, Mr. Evans married Miss Hattie A. Davis and to their union were born two children, Henry L. and Laura. His second wife was in her maidenhood Miss Bertha M. Jessup, a daughter of Charles E. Jessup of Lincoln township and a representative of a pioneer family of this county. She has become the mother of four children, three of whom survive, Mary Katherine, Ethel L. and Charles E.

Mr. Evans is a socialist in his political views and has been a candidate for office upon that party ticket. His family has been represented in this county for many years and he takes a commendable interest in all matters that concern the public welfare, believing that the good of the community as a whole should be the chief end of government.

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#### GEORGE CASSANDER SACKETT.

George Cassander Sackett is still in good health and takes a keen interest in the events of the day, although he is in his eightieth year, and he has many friends in Winterset, where he is known not only as a man of much personal worth and as a retired farmer but also as a veteran of the Civil war. He was born in Tallmadge, Summit county, Ohio, on the 29th of December, 1835, and his parents, Cassander and Henrietta (Beach) Sackett, were natives of Connecticut and Ohio respectively. The Sackett family is of English descent, although it was established in this country many years ago. Three brothers emigrated to America from England at an early day and Sackett's Harbor is named after one of them. The parents of our subject removed to Lee county, Iowa, in 1849, settling near the town of Denmark. The father was a farmer and was successful in his chosen occupation. He was an ardent abolitionist and aided many slaves to escape by way of the underground railroad. Both he and his wife were called to their reward while living in Lee county.

George C. Sackett was reared upon the family homestead and received thorough training in agricultural work, although his scholastic education was somewhat limited. On the 13th of April, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army and in the latter part of July of that year was mustered into the service as a member of Company C, First Iowa Cavalry. His regiment was detailed on post duty the greater part of the time, and although it saw considerable skirmishing, the battle of Prairie Grove in 1862 was the most important engagement in which he participated. On the 4th of April, 1864, while on picket duty, he was wounded under the right eye by a minie ball, which penetrated into the cheek bone. For thirty years, eight months and nine days he carried that leaden missile, but it eventually gave him so much trouble that he had it removed. After he returned to the life of a civilian he resumed farming and in 1870 removed with his wife to Adair county, Iowa, where he purchased eighty acres of land, subsequently adding sixty acres thereto. He farmed until 1896, giving his entire time to his work as an agriculturist. He harvested good crops annually and the sale





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of his stock added materially to his income. He accumulated a competence that enabled him to retire from active life, and in 1896 he removed to Winterset, where he has a comfortable home on West Court avenue.

On the 6th of November, 1867, Mr. Sackett was married to Miss Emma Arethusa French, who was born in Jackson, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Alvan Duncan and Caroline Arethusa (Clark) French, both of whom claimed Vermont as their native state. In an early day the father removed to Iowa and was one of the pioneer preachers of Eddyville. In 1864 he took up his residence in Lee county, where he passed away in 1866, but his wife died in Keokuk in 1901. Mrs. Sackett was born in Pennsylvania on the 17th of November, 1841, and accompanied her parents on their removal to New York and later to Iowa. She was an army nurse during the Civil war and her own account of her experiences appears in several numbers of the *Madisonian*.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sackett were born five children: Frank Alvan, of Des Moines, married Miss Ida Wilson and has four children, Wilber Wilson, George Howard, Harriett Emma and Louise Katharine, twin daughters. Carrie Etta is the wife of Henry C. Youngblood, of Fleming, Colorado, by whom she has a daughter, Ruth. By a former marriage Mrs. Youngblood has five children, namely: Jesse Earl, Ethel, Imogene Emma, Charles Glen and Bruce Marshall Fox. Anna Emma is now Mrs. W. D. Rich, of Sioux City, Iowa, and has a son, Russell Sackett Rich. Ida Florence has been a missionary in South Africa since 1908. Erwin George is a resident of Belden, Minnesota.

Mr. Sackett still supports the republican party, for which he has voted for many years. He and his wife are both members of the First Presbyterian church and he is further associated with the John A. Pitzer Post, No. 55, G. A. R., of Winterset. He remembers very distinctly and accurately the events of the Civil war in which he participated and enjoys especially talking over those times with other Union veterans. About eight years ago he sold his farm and is now without any business worries and is enjoying the evening of his life, knowing that he has made sufficient financial preparation to supply him with all of the comforts that he desires. His wife is also hale and hearty, and they have many friends among the young people of the community as well as among the older men and women and their declining years are rich in honor.

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### JOHN G. HUGLIN.

John G. Huglin is a retired farmer and stockman, now residing at 1834 Mondamin avenue in Des Moines. He was born in Baden, Germany, in February, 1847, and was there reared to the age of eighteen years. In December, 1865, he landed at New York and afterward went to Pittston, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a hotel for four months. In April, 1866, he came to Iowa and made his way to Madison county, where he was employed on a farm owned by his cousin. After a year he entered the employ of a Mr. Mosier and for three years continued to work for him by the month as a farm hand. He then purchased teams and broke prairie in Madison and Warren counties for about four years and was thus identified with the pioneer development of those regions. In 1872

he built a house in Bevington, where he conducted a hotel and butcher shop and also dealt in stock, actively carrying on business there until January, 1914, when he sold out and purchased his present home in Des Moines. Here he has since lived retired. At one time he was the owner of four hundred acres of rich and arable land in Madison county.

In 1871 Mr. Huglin was united in marriage to Miss Lena Henninger, a native of Baden, Germany, who had been one of his early schoolmates. She came to the United States in 1871 and soon afterward they were married. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are now deceased.

In his political views Mr. Huglin is a democrat. He has never sought nor held political office but while in Madison county served as school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at St. Charles, Iowa, and his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Mr. Huglin arrived in Iowa a poor boy and worked by the month for some time as a farm hand in order to gain a start. As the years went on, however, he prospered and today is the possessor of a handsome competence. He occupies a pleasant, comfortable home in Des Moines, having retired from all business cares and now at the age of sixty-eight years he is enjoying well earned and well merited rest.

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#### CHARLES D. STILES.

Charles D. Stiles, a worthy native son and representative business man of Madison county, is successfully engaged in the conduct of a general mercantile establishment at Patterson in association with his brother Albert. His birth occurred on the 25th of August, 1874, his parents being Thomas and Mary A. (Stockdale) Stiles. The father, a native of Benton county, Indiana, was reared on a farm in the Hoosier state and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1860 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land which he cultivated, also working as a carpenter, which was his trade. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which command he remained for nearly four years, making a creditable record as a brave and loyal soldier. He was wounded at the battle of Parkers Crossroads. After being honorably discharged from the army he returned to this county and resumed the pursuits of civil life as an agriculturist and carpenter. He was twice elected to the office of county supervisor and served two full terms, making a most commendable record in that connection. For more than forty years he was a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, and served as master of the blue lodge, while for many years he also served on the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a most devoted and consistent member. To him and his wife were born the following children: Emory, Arthur and Eddie, all deceased; Albert; Cashis C.; William; Lauren; Henry; Bessie; and Charles D.

The last named began his education in the district schools and subsequently attended a graded school at Patterson. After putting aside his text-books he followed farming until 1895 and then began bridge building for the county, while

five years later he was made foreman of the workmen, holding the position for seven years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in the real-estate business but at the end of two years formed a partnership with his brother Albert for the conduct of a general mercantile store at Patterson which he still continues. The brothers carry a large, attractive and well selected line of goods at reasonable prices and are accorded an extensive and gratifying patronage in recognition of their honorable methods and unassailable business integrity.

In 1898 Mr. Stiles was united in marriage to Miss Marthola Snyder, of St. Charles, Iowa, by whom he has one child, Thomas Dwight. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and on that ticket was elected county supervisor in 1910, making such an excellent record that he was again chosen for the position in 1913. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is identified with the Masons. He has resided continuously in Madison county from his birth to the present time and his record is that of one of its representative merchants and valued citizens.

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#### GEORGE N. BENNETT.

George N. Bennett is successfully engaged in farming an excellent tract of land on sections 26 and 27, Madison township. He is a native of Douglas township, this county, born April 15, 1874, of the marriage of Andrew and Mary E. (Giddeon) Bennett, the former born in Indiana and the latter in Ohio. The father became a resident of Madison county, Iowa, in 1852, accompanying his parents on their removal here in that year. His father entered land in Douglas township and devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation. As soon as old enough Andrew Bennett began farming for himself and became the owner of land in Douglas township, which he improved and cultivated until his demise, which occurred in December, 1906, when he was seventy-one years of age. His widow survives at the age of seventy-three and resides with our subject.

George N. Bennett was reared under the parental roof and his youth was spent in much the same manner as that of other farmers' sons, as he attended the district schools, assisted his father with the work of the homestead and also found time for outdoor sports. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, farming the home place in partnership with his father. He then rented land on his own account in Madison township and after operating it for seven years located upon a farm of one hundred acres on sections 23 and 22, Madison township, belonging to his mother. For the past six years he has operated this place, which is a valuable property, the land being fertile and everything about the farm being in excellent condition. His work is done at the proper time and as he employs practical methods and uses up-to-date machinery he is rewarded with excellent crops in their season. His stock is of a high grade and he finds that stock-raising is a lucrative phase of farming.

Mr. Bennett was married in October, 1896, to Miss Belle Beedle, a daughter of Abe and Rachel (Murphy) Beedle, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They were among the early settlers in Madison county, coming here with their respective parents, both families settling in Union township. Mr.

Beedle was reared and educated here and since coming to mature years has operated a farm in Union township. His wife is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have become the parents of seven children: Earl, seventeen years of age; Kyle, a lad of fourteen; Ward, nine years old; Lelia five years of age; Millard and Marion, twins, who died in June, 1908; and Le Roy, who passed away in September, 1912.

Mr. Bennett is an adherent of the progressive party and holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. In all relations of life he has proved upright and honorable and is justly accounted one of the forces for advancement and righteousness in his community.

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### JEROME GRIFFITH.

Jerome Griffith, a well known farmer of Douglas township, is a native of this county, born in Jefferson township on the 29th of June, 1874, the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children whose parents were David A. and Hester Ellen (Miller) Griffith. The father was born on the 15th of April, 1841, near Dayton, Ohio, and the mother's birth occurred in 1846. David A. Griffith became familiar with the work of the farm as a boy in Ohio and in April, 1861, when twenty years of age, enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. His valor and cool-headedness won him promotion to the rank of sergeant, and his record throughout the period of hostilities was one of which he had good cause to be proud. He first served under McClellan but was later with Sherman on the famous march to the sea. In 1866 he removed to Jefferson county, Iowa, and four years later settled in this county. He had previously homesteaded land in Buena Vista county. He resided in Union township, this county, until 1893, in which year he located in Douglas township, where he became a landowner and engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He is now practically retired. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious adherence to the Methodist church.

Jerome Griffith entered the high school in Winterset after completing the course offered in the district schools of Union township and in 1890 graduated from the high school. He then attended the Capital City Commercial College and also took special work in music. For about four years he taught school at intervals but at the end of that time became a candidate for county recorder without his knowledge and was elected in 1896. He served in that office for two terms and proved efficient and systematic in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him. On the 1st of January, 1901, he took up his residence on a farm which he had purchased and is now the owner of two hundred acres of fine land in Douglas township. He is progressive in all that he does and seeks to embody in his practice the results of the discoveries of agricultural experimenters and investigators. He is known as the best corn grower in Madison county and has sold as much as four hundred bushels of seed corn in one year. He raises Funk Yellow Dent corn, which he has exhibited at the Madison County Fair and also at the fairs of adjoining counties. He has won many prizes and is considered an authority upon the problems that relate to the growing of corn. He is also a successful stock-

raiser, specializing in Poland China hogs. He devotes his entire time to his farm, finding that its successful operation demands not only his undivided attention and his greatest energy but his most exact thought. He erected a fine residence in the fall of 1914 which is provided with furnace heat and a good lighting system and is in all respects up-to-date.

Mr. Griffith is active in the republican party and is never remiss in any of the duties of a good citizen. He is Sunday-school superintendent, leader of the Epworth League, steward and trustee in the Worthington Methodist Episcopal church and is one of the most prominent members of the organization. For four years he was recorder of the Maccabees and was for a number of years a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, but since removing to the country has not had time to continue his relationship with that order. He is a good musician, trained both in voice and instrumental music, and helped to organize the Worthington Band and Orchestra. He has done much for agricultural development in his county and it is to such as he that Iowa must look to uphold her reputation as one of the leaders in corn production in the Union. He is not only meeting with unusual success in his chosen line of work but has also gained the unqualified respect and esteem of his fellowmen, as his salient characteristics are worthy of commendation.

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#### JOSEPH C. RIPPEY.

Joseph C. Rippey, who has resided in Madison county for almost six decades and is one of its venerable and esteemed citizens, devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career but is now living retired with his son, J. W., who makes his home on section 34, Lincoln township. His birth occurred in New Jersey on the 25th of September, 1835, his parents being Matthew and Sarah (Cole) Rippey, the former a native of New York city and the latter of New Jersey, where their marriage was celebrated. In 1854 they removed to Keithsburg, Illinois, and about two years later came to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here in what is known as the "cold winter" of 1856-7. Matthew Rippey entered land on section 29, Lincoln township, and there developed a farm, making it a productive and valuable property. Both he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives thereon, and when they passed away the community mourned the loss of two of its honored pioneer settlers. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Matthew, who studied medicine and was one of the early physicians of this county but has recently retired and now resides in Lincoln township with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James McKibban; Joseph C., of this review; Thomas, who was employed as a night watchman at Keithsburg, Illinois, for about thirty-five years and still resides there; John, who makes his home at Coon Rapids, Iowa; Woodman, a resident of Waukeg, this state; Hope Anna, who is the wife of N. W. Loehr, of Madison county; and Jane, who gave her hand in marriage to Van Moore, of this county.

Joseph C. Rippey was a young man of twenty-one years when he came to Madison county with his parents and he has remained within its borders continu-

ously since. General agricultural pursuits claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he became the owner of a well improved and productive farm of eighty acres on section 32, Lincoln township, which he recently sold. Since the demise of his wife, which occurred on the 20th of September, 1896, he has lived retired with his son, J. W., enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil.

In 1862 Mr. Rippey was united in marriage to Miss Marinda Thornburg, a sister of Lou Thornburg of Winterset, of whom mention is made on another page of this work. To them were born five children, three of whom survive, namely: Charles E., who is a resident of Aztec, New Mexico; George L., living in Grand River township, this county; and J. W. In politics Mr. Rippey is a stalwart democrat and he has ably served in the capacities of school director, constable and school treasurer. His mother was a Quaker and he was reared in that faith. His life has been upright and honorable in its varied relations and he well merits the respect and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

J. W. Rippey, son of Joseph C. Rippey, was born in Lincoln township, this county, in 1875, and was reared to manhood on the home farm. He continued the work of the fields for some time after attaining his majority but fifteen years ago embarked in merchandising at Ord, a former postoffice, and there acted as postmaster for five years or until the rural free delivery was established. Ten years ago he purchased forty acres of the John A. Macumber farm and moved his store thereon, also erecting a handsome residence. He has since carried on agricultural pursuits and also conducts a general store, having built up a gratifying patronage during the fifteen years of his identification with mercantile interests.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life J. W. Rippey chose Miss Zoa Weeks, a native of this county and a daughter of James Weeks, a resident of Creston, Iowa. To them have been born four children, namely: Olin, Russell, Gleason and Faith. Mr. Rippey is widely recognized as a prosperous and enterprising citizen of his native county and both he and his wife have a host of warm friends here.

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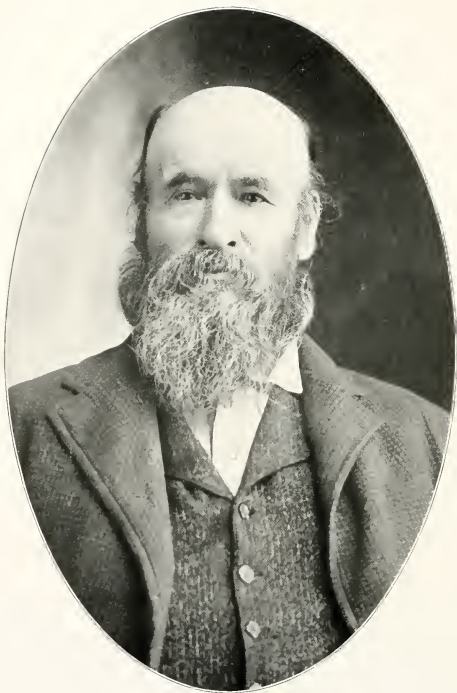
### JAMES BERTHOLF.

James Bertholf, who has practically retired and who owns seven hundred acres of land in Lincoln township, was born on the 8th of February, 1839, in St. Joseph county, Indiana, near the city of South Bend. The city has grown much since that time and from what he can learn it now includes the farm where he was born. He was a child of three years when the family removed from that place and settled in Lee county, Illinois. A sketch of his father, Andrew H. Bertholf, appears elsewhere in this work.

In 1851 the family removed from Lee county, Illinois, to Madison county, Iowa, and settled upon a farm which Mr. Bertholf of this review aided in cultivating as soon as old enough. There were scarcely any schools here at that time and most of his education was acquired in his father's log cabin. Until he was twenty years of age he worked upon the home farm and then spent two years upon







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the western plains going as far as Leadville, Colorado. His father giving him a piece of land in Webster township, he located thereon and operated his farm for two years. At the end of that time he sold and purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Lincoln township, which has since been his home. He has added other land to his holdings and now holds title to seven hundred acres. While actively engaged in agricultural pursuits he usually raised good crops and he also did an extensive business as a stockman. Although he still resides upon his land the work is mainly done by others and he has practically retired.

Mr. Bertholf was married in Grand River township to Miss Rachel Harriet Murphy, who was born in Davies county, Missouri, a daughter of John Murphy, an early settler of Grand River township. To Mr. and Mrs. Bertholf have been born three children: Ada, the wife of B. L. Thrift, an agriculturist of Lincoln township; Nelson, cashier of the Madison County Bank at Winterset; and Armina, the wife of F. D. Brownell, who is operating the farm belonging to our subject and living with Mr. and Mrs. Bertholf.

Mr. Bertholf is a democrat and has served as assessor of Lincoln township for seven years, but has supported that party without thought of reward. In religious matters he is liberal in his views. Although but three years of age when he left Indiana he often imagines in the early morning that he can hear the pounding in the iron works in South Bend that he heard so often in his earliest childhood. In a residence covering more than six decades Mr. Bertholf has thoroughly identified his interests with those of his adopted county and his life has been a factor in the progress and advancement of Madison county. Those who have been associated with him recognize his value as a citizen and honor and esteem him as he deserves.

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### SAMUEL C. HEACOCK.

The veterans of the Civil war are justly entitled to honor, as it is to their valor and unselfish devotion to the country's good that its greatness today is in a large measure due, for it was only through their sacrifice that the Union could be preserved. Among those still living in Madison county who fought in the Union army is Samuel C. Heacock, a retired farmer, now living in Truro, whose birth occurred on the 17th of April, 1836, in Jackson county, Indiana. His father, Dunlap Heacock, was a native of Vermont, of Yankee descent, and his mother, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Holmes, was born in Kentucky, of Dutch lineage. They were married in Jackson county, Indiana, and the father died there when our subject was but eighteen months old. He was a farmer by occupation and was highly respected in the community in which he resided. His widow remarried and continued to live in Indiana for a number of years, but in 1855 came with her children and her second husband, Abraham Compton, to Iowa, the family locating west of Peru in Walnut township, Madison county. Mr. Compton purchased land which he operated for a number of years. After the close of the Civil war the farm was sold and the family removed to Old Peru. Subsequently, however, they went to O'Brien county, Iowa, where Mr.

Compton again engaged in agricultural work. Mrs. Compton died in 1875, while visiting the subject of this review.

Samuel C. Heacock received a common-school education and remained with his mother until he was twenty-one years of age. In addition to helping with the work on his stepfather's farm he freighted one summer with an ox team from Winterset to Keokuk. On starting out upon his independent business career he began farming upon rented land in Scott township and was so engaged when the Civil war began. As time passed and there was still no sign of the close of hostilities he decided that his paramount duty was the defense of the Union. Accordingly on the 1st of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Dewey. The command rendezvoused at Des Moines, on the site of the new fair grounds and thence was sent to Keokuk and then to St. Louis. Mr. Heacock participated in the battles of Pittman's Ferry; Jackson, Mississippi; Fort Esperanges, Texas; and Spanish Port and Mobile, Alabama; and also took part in the famous siege of Vicksburg. He also saw much service in Texas as he went with the army of occupation whose task it was to reestablish law and order and it was only after a great deal of trouble that the bands of outlaws that terrorized the country were broken up. For about two years of his term he served as ward nurse at the brigade hospital. On one trip by boat from Mobile, Alabama, to New Orleans he had only one hour's sleep out of the twenty-four for four days and nights, and he underwent many hardships that were very trying and that tested severely his physical endurance. Although he was under fire many times and although there was never any question as to his intrepid valor he escaped without injury. He was mustered out at Harrisburg, Texas, and returned to Madison county in August, 1865.

Mr. Heacock again turned his attention to farming upon the restoration of peace and operated land in Scott township until the spring of 1867, when he removed to Ohio township, where he purchased forty acres of land. Two years later he traded it for eighty acres which he farmed until 1883, when on account of the state of his health he sold the land and removed to Truro. He purchased residence property here and has since lived retired, having accumulated a competence by his labor in former years. While actively engaged in farming he was alert, progressive and industrious and was successful both as a general farmer and stock-raiser.

In 1866 Mr. Heacock married Miss Elizabeth Holmes, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (De Long) Holmes, pioneer settlers of Madison county arriving here in 1857. The father was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Heacock became the parents of four children, as follows: Hattie married George Caskey, by whom she has two children, Jesse and Amsey, and she resides in Blue Ridge, Missouri. Nellie became the wife of Ed Scott and passed away two decades ago, leaving a son, Ray. Lillian is the wife of Ed Smith, a farmer of Warren county, Iowa, and they have two children, Leah and Earl. Ida married Frank Rankin, a farmer of Ohio township, and passed away June 18, 1905, leaving two children, Garry and Geraldine. Mrs. Heacock departed this life at Truro on the 20th of June, 1896. She was a devout member of the Christian church, to which her husband also belongs.

Mr. Heacock's political views coincide with the policies of the republican party where national issues are at stake but in local affairs he generally votes for the man rather than the party. He is a strong temperance man and does all in his power to overthrow the liquor traffic, which he believes to be the cause of many of the evils of our modern life. When a boy he was a member of the Sons of Temperance. He was an enthusiastic member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Truro during the entire time that it was in existence and his wife belonged to the Woman's Relief Corps. She was also a member of the Band of Good Hope. From his earliest boyhood his life has conformed to high moral principles and he is given that respect which is always accorded to genuine worth. At all times public-spirited to a marked degree, he cooperates in many movements for the public good and is one of the most valued citizens of his township.

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#### GEORGE ALBERT BARDRICK.

George Albert Bardrick, a prominent farmer and stockman of section 27, Douglas township, is a native of this county, born May 3, 1874. His father was George Bardrick, George being the family name for several generations back. He was born at Laten-Buzzard, Bedfordshire, England, in July, 1816, and passed away in this county in September, 1889. On the day that he entered school he unconsciously broke one of the rules, for which he was punished, with the result that he never attended school again. He began his independent career as a gardener and huckster, traveling over all parts of the country, and in that way learned all of the country dialects of England. His mother was an expert at braiding hats and he sold those as well as produce. When twenty-one years of age, in 1837, he emigrated to the United States, landing at New York. A year later he came west with his brother and settled in Sangamon county, Illinois, which district was then little more than virgin prairie and it was necessary to break the sod before crops could be planted. He did that and built a residence, continuing to improve his property until 1852. He then came to this county and purchased land near Winterset, paying therefor the government price of a dollar and a quarter per acre. In 1864 he was married to Miss Rebecca Lovelace, who was born in Smicksburg, Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Philadelphia. Her natal day was the 3d of August, 1848, and she is still living in Winterset. Mr. Bardrick added to his original holdings from time to time and as he was an indefatigable worker and a good business man he eventually held title to nearly one thousand acres of excellent land in Madison county. He kept large herds of cattle, which ran upon the open prairie with a herder to watch them to see that they did not stray too far. He also raised large numbers of draft horses. In the early days of the county he bought and sold land extensively, taking gold in payment, and he then bought greenbacks with the gold, realizing considerable profit in his financial transactions. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. His success was noteworthy in itself and was remarkable when one considers that he had no education and that he started out in life empty-handed, depending entirely upon his own resources. He was one of the

best known citizens of this county in the early days of its history and left his impress upon its development.

George Albert Bardrick attended the Winterset schools and when twenty years of age began farming on his own account on land obtained from his father. After living upon that place for seven years he sold and bought land in Lincoln township, which he operated for seven years. For the past six years he has made his home on one hundred and twenty acres in Douglas township, which he owns and operates. The residence was one of the first frame houses erected in the township and is built of black walnut which was taken from timber upon the place. The farm is named Oak View and he was the first in the county to register a farm name. Everything about the place is kept in excellent repair, there is a good barn and a large silo, and the value of the property is further enhanced by an orchard which provides the family with an abundance of fruit. Mr. Bardrick is concentrating his attention largely upon stock-raising and feeds many head of young cattle annually, shipping them as "baby beef." He also buys, sells and ships hogs and is prospering in his undertakings, as he devotes his entire time to his business and personally sees that all details are properly taken care of.

Mr. Bardrick was married on the 13th of February, 1895, to Miss Cora Reed, a daughter of Z. S. and Hester (Bishop) Reed. She was born in a log cabin near Peru, this county. Her father was born in 1845 in Bedfordshire, England, near the birthplace of the father of our subject, and they knew each other there. Mr. Reed came to the United States with his parents when but ten years of age, the family settling in Madison county. He worked in his father's sawmill on Middle river in Lincoln township and remained at home until eighteen years of age. He then ran away and joined Company D, First Iowa Cavalry, with which he served in the Civil war for two years, being mustered out February 15, 1866, at Austin, Texas. Returning home he assisted his father, who was engaged in fruit growing, and he also worked at the carpenter's trade in Winterset, as the farm was very close to town. When he began farming on his own account he removed to Scott township, in the vicinity of Peru, and lived there until 1870. He then located near Pawnee City, Nebraska, where he took up a claim, residing in a building part cabin and part dugout. He obtained money to buy the necessary material for his cabin by selling his right to additional land. He set out six hundred fruit trees and when not busy upon his land worked at the carpenter's trade. There were many obstacles and discouragements, and it was often necessary to fight prairie fires, but he remained in Nebraska until 1873, when he returned to Lincoln township, this county, and was associated with his father in the conduct of a sawmill on Middle river. In 1884 he went to Adair county, Iowa, and bought raw prairie land near Greenfield. He at once set to work to break the sod and in so doing plowed up twenty-three rattlesnakes in one small plot of ground. In 1890 he returned to Madison county and took up his residence upon a fruit ranch, where he raised large quantities of berries and fruits. In 1891 he built a home in Winterset and moved to that city, where he resided until his death. After taking up his abode there he continued to work at his trade to some extent. He passed away on the 7th of November, 1911, and is survived by his wife, who was born in 1847 in Indiana. Mr. Reed was throughout his life active in Sunday school and church work and for many years was superintendent



of two Sunday schools, one meeting in the morning and the other in the afternoon. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom Mrs. Bardrick is the oldest. She was but sixteen years of age when she began teaching in the country schools but later continued her education, attending the high school at Winterset and the normal school at Dexter, Iowa. She is keenly interested in all that is happening in the outside world and is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which her husband is also a member. Both are very hospitable and their kindness is well known, many having received help from them in a time of need.

Mr. Bardrick is prominent in the local circles of the republican party, has held offices in both Lincoln and Douglas townships and has been a delegate to county and state conventions. He is one of the most valued citizens of Madison county and is not only making valuable contribution to the development of the county along the lines of agriculture and stock-raising, but is also doing much to further its moral and civic advancement.

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#### MARTIN ROWE.

Martin Rowe is honored as an old soldier, who also has the distinction of being one of the early settlers of this county and for many years was an active and progressive farmer. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of April, 1838, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Glassburner) Rowe, further mention of whom occurs in the sketch of Henry Rowe.

Martin Rowe gave his parents the benefit of his work until he was twenty-one years of age and then became a hired hand, thus beginning his independent business career. In 1863 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and in that same year enlisted at Davenport in Company L, Seventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Rittan and Colonel John Sully. He served for two years and eight months and proved an excellent soldier, being mustered out at Sioux City. After the close of hostilities he went to Davis county, Iowa, and a year afterward again came to Madison county and bought eighty acres of improved land on section 15, Grand River township. He continued to reside there until January, 1914, when he retired and removed to Macksburg. He was very successful as an agriculturist and accumulated a competence which enables him to enjoy not only the comforts but also such of the luxuries of life as he desires. He has one of the finest homes in Macksburg and is vice president of the Macksburg National Bank. He added to his original holdings and acquired title to over a half section of excellent land, all of which he has sold or given to his sons. He was the first man to make a business of feeding cattle in Grand River township and his success in that line was instrumental in inducing many others to turn their attention to that business.

Mr. Rowe married Miss Becky Gray, a native of Ohio, who passed away about three years ago. To them were born five children: William, who is living in Macksburg; Elizabeth, the wife of W. P. Love, of Macksburg; A. H., who is residing on the home farm; Delia, the wife of George Bodyguard, of Denver, Colorado; and Della, who married Harry Glenn, a veterinary surgeon of Okla-

homa City, Oklahoma. Mr. Rowe's present wife was Miss Bertha Bonham, a daughter of David Bonham.

Mr. Rowe is a republican and has taken considerable part in the direction of public affairs. For many years he was township trustee; for twelve years served on the city council of Macksburg; and for nine years was school director. He has always discharged his official duties with ability and conscientiousness, and his record is a distinctly creditable one. His wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and was much interested in everything relating to its welfare. Mr. Rowe has at all times manifested a keen sense of his community obligations and his public spirit is one of his most marked characteristics. He has contributed liberally to the support of the church, and when the railroad was built to Macksburg made generous contributions toward the fund for securing it. He has done all within his power to further the welfare of the public schools and there is no good cause which he has refused to aid. His life has been a successful one, as he has not only gained a large measure of material prosperity but has also at all times proved himself a man of honor and integrity, and the respect and goodwill of his associates are freely accorded him.

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#### JOHN C. FOSTER.

John C. Foster, who is living retired in Winterset, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 17th of April, 1835, a son of Moses Foster, whose birth occurred in Virginia in 1802. The paternal grandfather, Jesse Foster, who was probably born in Maryland, was a son of Samuel Foster, who emigrated to the United States from England and was in turn a son of Benjamin Foster, likewise a native of England. When Moses Foster was two years of age his parents removed to Cadiz, Ohio, and when he was twelve the family home was established on Little Stillwater in Tuscarawas county, where he grew to manhood and became familiar with farm work. In 1855, when John C. Foster was twenty years of age, the family went down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river to Keokuk and thence by wagon to Madison county, Iowa, settling in Monroe township, where Moses Foster entered forty acres of land. He purchased other land at six dollars per acre and engaged in farming in this county until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was a member of the Christian church, which he joined while living in Ohio, and in his early days gave his political allegiance to the democratic party, although later he supported the republican party. He married Miss Peree Kale, who was born in Ohio in 1807 and they were married in her native state. She passed away in Monroe township when eighty-three years of age. To their union were born twelve children: Sarah, the deceased wife of James Iler, the man who brought the first printing press to Madison county; Mary Ann, the deceased wife of John Huston; Reuben, who resides in St. Charles, Iowa; Rachel E., the wife of Benjamin Reed; George K., deceased; Rebecca, who gave her hand in marriage to David Lyons; John C., of this review; Peree, who died in childhood; Moses B. and Jesse Millard, who also died in childhood; David F., who resides in



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Tacoma, Washington; and Luella, the wife of O. P. Ross, of Kossuth county, Iowa.

John C. Foster was twenty years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county and a year or two later he bought fifty acres of unimproved land on section 1, Monroe township. He built a small frame house, where he reared his children, but later erected a larger residence. For several years he and his brother, David F., engaged in the nursery business, but our subject devoted more time to carpentering and cabinet-making than to the nursery business. He purchased additional land, becoming the owner of two hundred and fifty acres, from which he derived a gratifying income. He lived upon the farm until 1902, when he retired and moved to Winterset, where he is now residing. He still owns a quarter section, although he has recently sold the homestead.

Mr. Foster was married in this county to Miss Harriet Lake, who was born in Ohio on the 30th of June, 1839, of the marriage of Ashford and Susan (Hann) Lake, the former born in Ohio in 1818 and the latter a native of Maryland. In 1855 they came to Madison county, Iowa, and settled on a farm in Walnut township, where both passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have become the parents of eight children. George Alden, born September 3, 1858, wedded Miss Anna E. Carroll, now deceased. He resides in Des Moines and has two children, Carl and Mae. Ashford Lake, born December 4, 1859, is residing in Winterset. He married Jennie Orr and has two children, Nellie and Lloyd. Etta was born October 27, 1861, and her death occurred in 1863. Minnie L., born September 24, 1864, is the wife of Elmer Whiting, of Des Moines, and they have two children, John and Garnita. Heber N., born January 20, 1866, is residing in Spokane, Washington. He married Callie Dunlap and has six children: Elsie, Glenn, Charles, Frank, Eugene and Archie. Emma M., born October 20, 1869, is the wife of Elmer Hubbell, of Des Moines, and they have one child, Bessie. John Denton, a resident of Marshalltown, Iowa, was born May 24, 1872. He married Minna Sheffer and has three children: LaDena, Lowell and Robert. Darwin W., who was born March 5, 1874, and resides in Douglas township, wedded Miss Myrtle Groves, by whom he has one child, Earl.

Mr. Foster is a republican and while living upon the farm served as justice of the peace and as school director. He is especially interested in everything relating to the welfare and advancement of the public schools, as he believes that they are the greatest force working for progress. He and his wife are both well educated and insatiable readers and are liberal in their religious views, although he was at one time a member of the Christian church. He places great stress upon justice and right dealing between men, and the rectitude of his life has gained him the sincere respect of all who know him.

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#### A. B. CHAMBERLAIN.

A. B. Chamberlain, who owns and operates a quarter section of excellent land on section 9, Douglas township, is a native of Coudersport, Potter county, Pennsylvania, born on the 9th of February, 1857, of the marriage of D. W. and Eliza (Campbell) Chamberlain. The father was born in New York on the

6th of January, 1836, and is now living at Scotland, South Dakota, but the mother, whose birth occurred in Virgil, New York, April 14, 1837, passed away on the 10th of September, 1888. D. W. Chamberlain was a Methodist Episcopal minister and also devoted some attention to farming. In 1863 he removed from Pennsylvania to Nora, Illinois, where he concentrated his attention upon the cultivation of the fields. He next went to Pontiac, Michigan, where he remained for a year, but in 1865 became a resident of Raymond, Black Hawk county, Iowa, and for seven years followed agricultural pursuits. During that time he helped to organize the Methodist Episcopal church at Raymond and was also quite active in public affairs. In 1872 he sold his land and removed to Emmetsburg, this state, where for three years he engaged in general merchandising. In 1875 he severed his connection with that business and entered the Methodist Episcopal conference, thereafter holding pastorates in various places in South Dakota, including Vermillion and Scotland. In 1904 he retired from active church work and has since engaged in the agricultural implement business in Scotland. His political allegiance has been given to the republican party since its organization and in ante-bellum days, while living in Pennsylvania, he was prominently connected with the underground railway and had some exciting experiences while aiding refugee slaves to Canada and freedom. A love of justice and courage which he manifested in that trying time has characterized his deeds throughout his entire life and has gained him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

A. B. Chamberlain received his early education in the district schools and later attended the Methodist Episcopal College at Algona, Iowa, for a year. When twelve years of age he earned some money by working as a chore boy and for a number of years was in the employ of others. One year was spent in Colorado and there he worked in mines, sawmills and on railroads, seeing much of the country and gaining much valuable experience. In 1876 he began farming for himself in Jones county, Iowa, and resided there for ten years, but in 1886 removed to the vicinity of Manchester, Delaware county. He owned land there which he cultivated until 1893, when he returned to Jones county. Seven years later he removed to Douglas township, this county, where he has since lived. He owns a one hundred and sixty acre tract of fine land on section 9 and his residence is an attractive and commodious home. His methods of farming are practical and as he is energetic and efficient in the management of his business interests his capital is increasing from year to year. He does general farming and also takes considerable interest in the raising of fine horses.

Mr. Chamberlain was married on the 20th of December, 1881, to Miss Florence Curtis, a native of Monticello, Jones county, Iowa, and a daughter of George W. and Catharine (Clemmer) Curtis, both of whom were natives of Antwerp, Paulding county, Ohio. The father was born on the 7th of July, 1829, and died on the 2d of March, 1913, while the mother, whose birth occurred on the 26th of December, 1831, died March 1, 1902. Mr. Curtis was engaged in the mercantile business in Antwerp with his father and also operated a large farm which he owned. In 1855 he migrated to Jones county, Iowa, purchasing land near Monticello, on which he lived for over fifty years. His farm comprised two hundred acres and he derived a handsome income from its operation. In 1885 he retired from farming and engaged in the grocery business in Monticello for three years, but in 1888 he retired from that line of activity as well

and at the time of his death was residing in Monticello. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom Mrs. Chamberlain is the fourth. She has become the mother of three children. Clyde C., a farmer of Douglas township, married Miss Lois Knox, a daughter of J. H. Knox, who has resided in this county since 1879. Two children have been born to that union, Florence and Olive. Ernest, whose birth occurred in 1887, died in 1912. Catharine is the wife of Glenn Wray, a farmer of Douglas township. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are also rearing three other children, giving them a good home and education, namely, Lyle Sturtevant and Ruth and John Curtis.

Mrs. Chamberlain is very active in church and Sunday-school work and is a leader in the Ladies' Aid Society of the Worthington Methodist Episcopal church. Her son Clyde C. and daughter Catharine are also active in church circles. Mr. Chamberlain is a republican and for the last six years has served acceptably as township trustee. Fraternally he belongs to the Mystic Workers of the World. He has gained success and at the same time has won an honored name and the esteem of his fellowmen, as he has depended upon his own work and good management to win prosperity and has never taken unjust advantage in a business transaction.

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#### WILBERT W. ATKINSON.

The success of the Truro Lumber Company has been due in part to the business astuteness and energy of Wilbert W. Atkinson, a member of the firm. He was born in Warren county, Ohio, on the 16th of December, 1863, a son of G. W. and Phoebe (Pierce) Atkinson. The father was born in Ohio, of Scotch-Irish descent, and the mother was also a native of that state but came of Yankee lineage. He was a graduate of the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, and for sixteen years practiced medicine at South Solon, Ohio. His marriage occurred in that state and his family accompanied him upon his removal to Madison county, Iowa, location being made two miles southwest of Truro. The father purchased a farm there and gave the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits, as the state of his health prevented him from practicing medicine to any great extent. He passed away upon the farm in March, 1889, having survived his wife for about two years.

Wilbert W. Atkinson attended the district schools of Ohio until he was thirteen years of age and then began earning his own living. He worked as a farm hand for a time and after the removal of the family to Iowa assisted his father with the operation of the homestead in this county. In 1895 he accepted a position as yardman in the lumberyard of William Steer at Truro and worked in that capacity for five years. At the end of that time he purchased an interest in the business, the firm name being the Truro Lumber Company. In June, 1907, Mr. Steer sold his interest to C. W. Sweezy and in 1909 Mr. Atkinson bought the interest of Mr. Sweezy, becoming sole owner of the plant. On the 10th of October, 1910, a disastrous fire occurred which destroyed all of the rough and planed lumber sheds, in fact everything except the ready made stock on hand and the office. Mr. Atkinson then sold an interest in the business to O. N. Archer.

the name of the Truro Lumber Company being retained, however. The concern conducts a general lumber business and also handles coal and cement and buys and sells grain for the Talbot Grain Company of Osceola, Iowa. Mr. Atkinson has been connected with the lumber trade for many years and understands its every detail. Upon leaving his father's farm in this county he obtained work in the planing mill of Gotschall & Martin in Des Moines and found the work so interesting that upon returning to Truro he sought employment in Mr. Steer's lumberyard, as before stated, and from that time to this has devoted his energies to the lumber trade. His success has been gratifying but it is merely the natural result of his thorough knowledge of everything relating to lumber, his natural aptitude for business and his strict adherence to the principles of honesty and integrity.

On the 21st of January, 1891, at West Liberty, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Mr. Atkinson and Miss Hattie B. Purvis, a daughter of John M. and Adaline (White) Purvis, both born in Morrow county, Ohio, the father at Cardington. Both came of Scotch-Irish descent and inherited the splendid traits of character usually associated with that race. They were married in Ohio but came to Iowa in an early day in the history of this state, locating in Muscatine county, where the father purchased land from the government. He continued to operate his farm until the death of his wife, which occurred in 1873, but later removed to West Liberty, where he passed away in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have become the parents of six children: Harold, who was born June 6, 1893, and is at home; Lucile, born January 21, 1896, also at home; Dorothy, born February 27, 1902, who is attending the Truro high school; John, whose birth occurred September 13, 1905, and who is in school; Richard, born November 29, 1909; and Pauline, who died when three years of age.

Mr. Atkinson is a prohibitionist and is under all circumstances loyal to his belief and convictions. For three terms he served as mayor of Truro and under his administration the affairs of the municipality were ably and conscientiously conducted. He is now secretary of the township school board and it is largely to his credit that advanced steps have been taken in the public-school system. Both he and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal church of Truro and have aided in the spread of its influence. Fraternally he is connected with both the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges in Truro. He devotes his energies to the building up of his lumber business and also does some contracting in builders' supplies. He is a substantial business man and is highly thought of in his community.

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### JUDGE JOHN A. PITZER.

By E. R. Zeller.

Should some one ask who was the most prominent citizen of Madison county, we would answer without hesitation, John A. Pitzer. We accord him this honor because he was doubtless the first white man who thoroughly explored the county, lived here longer, and was more continuously and prominently identified with its affairs than any other. We do not accurately know the date when he first visited





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the county, but it must have been prior to 1847, or about the time the state was admitted to the Union. We are led to this belief from the fact that he surveyed the north part of the county, and this was completed some time between the beginning of 1846 and 1847. After completing this survey, he became a prominent citizen of the county and remained so until his death.

He was born in Virginia in 1813. His father, Frederick Pitzer, was born and reared on the James river, in Virginia, where several generations of Pitzers lived before him. The first man of the family emigrated from Germany early in the history of our country. In 1815, Frederick Pitzer removed to Christian county, Kentucky. There he spent his youth and received such education as the meager facilities afforded. In 1834 the family moved to Macoupin county, Illinois, and when twenty-three years old, Mr. Pitzer married Elizabeth Rogers, of Morgan county, the same state. During his stay there he employed his time in teaching school and tending a small farm. In 1839 he moved with his family to Jefferson county, Iowa, first stopping at a small settlement called Lockridge, six miles from Fairfield. He afterward moved to Fairfield and became clerk of the territorial court. In the state archives may be found his name signed to many public documents, which he executed during his term of office. The clerk then performed all the duties now exacted from both the county clerk and county auditor. At the termination of his office as clerk of Jefferson county, he surveyed the north part of Madison county and south part of Dallas county, and in 1849 settled permanently in Winterset, which had then just become the county seat of Madison county. He started the first store of general merchandise on the west side of the square and the next year moved his family to town. There was at that time but one frame house in town, the rest being log cabins. The male population at that time consisted of Enos Berger, William Compton, J. H. Evans, Dr. Gaff, Jack Porter, Sam Peters, Squire Guiberson, Mr. Miller, A. D. Jones and John Daugherty, the last named being the proud owner of the one frame house. Some time later Mr. Pitzer became owner of the most eligible residence lots in the city, the same being the places now owned by Dr. Embree and J. J. Gaston. There he erected a two-story frame house, which in later years became the residence of J. J. Hutchings. Still later he became owner of the stone residence which now constitutes the Arcade Hotel, built by Dr. Gaff, where he lived until his death.

In 1852 Mr. Pitzer became county judge and held that office continuously for eight years. He next gave his attention exclusively to mercantile business and continued as a merchant with the exception of his service in the army. For one term he was county treasurer. As a business man he was courteous, even tempered and generous. He did as much as any other man to improve and develop the town of Winterset, and possibly more, considering his means. One of the lasting monuments of his enterprise is the St. Nicholas Hotel, which he erected in 1855, and which for many years was the most popular and imposing hotel building in central Iowa.

In 1864 Mr. Pitzer was appointed paymaster in the army, with the rank of major. His son William was his deputy; they first went to St. Louis, and from there they went to pay off the troops in southwestern Missouri. While in that department General Price made a raid through the country, when he and his son barely escaped with over a million dollars. He was then assigned the duty of

post paymaster at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he remained until after the close of the war.

During the years immediately following the war, a county office had become quite a lucrative and honorable position, and owing to the prevailing patriotic sentiment these honors and emoluments went by common consent to some veteran of the war; as a result the official so elected, while worthy in other respects, was in some cases deficient in ability. Captain Stitt was one of this kind. He was elected in 1865 and during his term of office a defalcation occurred. Out of this grew a division in the dominant party which took several years to dispose of. Upon Mr. Stitt's retirement Mr. Perkins, his deputy, was a candidate. Dr. Leonard was also a candidate. There were reasons why many actively advocated the nomination of Perkins, while there were reasons why others wanted Leonard, one of the most effective of which was his honorable record while in the army. Leonard was very outspoken and fearless and had the faculty of making enemies as well as friends. Leonard was nominated by a small majority over Perkins, the friends of the latter claiming by unfair means. Perkins bolted, ran as an independent candidate, and had the support of democrats as well as disgruntled republicans. The campaign was long and bitter. Leonard was elected. For some reason not necessary here to state, some of Leonard's friends turned against him during his first term of office and near its close a conference was held in the office of the clerk, at which place Dr. Bevington and Dr. Leonard were both present. The effort to settle the controversy failed, and Dr. Bevington, turning to Dr. Leonard, said, "We will beat you for a second term," and facing Judge Pitzer, who was also present, said, "This is the man we will beat you with." Judge Pitzer consented to run as an independent candidate. Some of his old time friends became his political enemies. Republicans patronized the democrats; no one could tell who had the advantage until the votes were counted; Pitzer received 1,119; Leonard, 977.

Judge Pitzer was a member of the Baptist church, in which he was honored and useful. As a citizen he was genial, generous and upright. He died suddenly, May 19, 1876. So rapidly do the years move along and so great are the changes in population that but few remain who were acquainted with Mr. Pitzer; the large majority of our people probably never heard of him but his life will remain one of the staples of Madison county history. Mrs. Pitzer, now ninety-seven years old, resides in California; W. F. in Oklahoma; Marsh Pitzer in Florida; Lester in Pennsylvania; Mrs. McCaughan, a daughter, lives in Mexico; Clara, a lovely girl, the youngest of the family, died years ago.

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#### GEORGE W. TRACY.

George W. Tracy, a successful farmer of Douglas township, Madison county, Iowa, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, upon a farm, on the 14th of February, 1840. His parents, Vezy and Nancy (Grennard) Tracy, were both born in Lexington, Kentucky, the father on the 9th of April, 1801, and the mother on the 6th of November, 1801. He passed away on the 1st of April, 1865, at the age of sixty-four, and her death occurred on the 21st of February, 1898.

Vezy Tracy worked as a farm hand in Kentucky in his early manhood but in 1830 removed to Indiana and there continued to work for others for some time. He was determined to acquire land of his own and lived most frugally, saving enough from his wages at nine dollars a month to buy a farm from the government. He became the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land which was timbered and for a number of years devoted his time to clearing and improving his property. While living in Indiana he often went down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans in flat-boats and worked his way back. He had many interesting experiences on those trips and learned much of the country bordering the two great rivers. He resided upon his farm until his death and all who knew him spoke well of him. He was a sincere Christian, honest in all his dealings and ready to do another a favor and, moreover, he never used profanity. To him and his wife were born two children, of whom our subject is the elder.

George W. Tracy pursued his education in a log schoolhouse and was there taught the three Rs, but as the school system of the time was very primitive he did not progress much further in his scholastic training. However, he learned much concerning the best methods of agriculture, and the sturdy life of the pioneer impressed upon him the value of the virile qualities of determination, courage and self-reliance. When nineteen years of age he began operating his father's farm and so continued until 1864, in which year he removed by team to Henry county, Illinois, where he had previously purchased land. He still has in his possession an old rope-bottom bed which he hauled from Rock Island at that time. Four years later he removed to Madison county, Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river on the ice at New Boston, Illinois. Upon his arrival in this county he settled upon the farm in Douglas township which is still his home and immediately began the cultivation of his land. Although he pays considerable attention to the raising of the usual crops he takes especial pride in his thoroughbred Hambletonian horses and his fine Hereford cattle. He has exhibited a number of the latter at the county fair and has always taken prizes, but he has bred his stock chiefly for commercial purposes and has made the exhibiting of it a secondary issue. When he came to this county from Indiana he purchased his first herd from General Lew Wallace, including the cow which was then the champion of Indiana. He owns two hundred and forty acres of good land, and his farming and stock-raising bring to him annually a good income.

Mr. Tracy was married on the 1st of September, 1859, to Miss Sarah Gilky, who was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, on the 15th of August, 1839, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Switzer) Gilky, both natives of Kentucky. The father's birth occurred in 1797 and he passed away in 1855, in the Hoosier state, when fifty-eight years of age. His wife, who was born in 1806, died at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Gilky was reared to manhood in Ohio and removed to Indiana when that was still a pioneer state and there began farming his quarter section of land. He was a whig in his political belief and his religious allegiance was given to the Hardshell Baptist church. He was a substantial citizen and did well his part in transforming the region in which he lived from a wild district to a cultivated and prosperous one. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Mrs. Tracy is the eldest. She has become the mother of five children, as follows: James A., who was born in Montgomery

county, Indiana, on the 18th of June, 1860, married Miss Mary Polt, a native of Wheeling, West Virginia, who died in March, 1907, leaving three children as follows: Roy, who resides in South Dakota; Winifred, who is teaching school in that state; and Edward, also a resident of South Dakota. James A. Tracy is a resident of Plankinton, South Dakota, and was for a number of years engaged in the agricultural implement business there. Effie May gave her hand in marriage to Dean Alexander and has passed away, leaving a son, Eugene. Edward, a landowner and farmer in Union county, this state, is married and has two children, Lester and Dora. Leota is the wife of Wesley Bishop, who is farming near Andover, Kansas, and they have a son, Alfred Dale. Oliver E., who was born April 26, 1867, is a farmer of Lincoln township. He married Miss Adella Wright and they have two children, Fay and Fern, twins, born in 1910.

Mr. Tracy is a democrat but has no desire to hold office. He was elected township trustee at one time but did not serve his term out. His religious affiliation is with the Christian church, of which he is a member in good standing. In 1867 he was made a Mason at Berlin, Illinois, now Swedona, and is at present a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Winterset. For a number of years he was a member of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders Association. When he first came to this county it was necessary to haul lumber from Des Moines although Winterset was at that time quite a thriving village. He has never regretted his removal here and the county has benefited from his activities as a farmer and stock-raiser and from his public-spirited cooperation in many worthy movements.

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### JAMES KALE.

James Kale is the owner of eighty acres of good land on section 23, Scott township, and is well known and highly esteemed in his locality. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, March 11, 1844, a son of John and Elizabeth (Thompson) Kale, also natives of the Buckeye state. When he was but ten years of age the family removed to Madison county, Iowa, and settled on section 25, Scott township. The father entered three hundred acres of land from the government and was one of the well-to-do early farmers of the county. Both he and his wife passed away here and are survived by their ten children, namely: James, of this review; Mary Ann, the wife of I. N. Landis, of Des Moines; Purilla Ellen, who married Caleb Sutton, of Ensign, Kansas; Elizabeth, the widow of John Oglesby, of Scott township; Emma, who gave her hand in marriage to David Goodner, a resident of Kimball, Minnesota; Barbara, the wife of James Guiberson, of Winterset; Joseph, of Winterset; Susanne, who married Cassius Thayer, of Ensign, Kansas; Drusilla, the wife of William Whillon, of Winterset; and John R., also residing in Winterset. The father died in 1863 and the mother subsequently married Isaac Allen, by whom she had a son, Elmer Allen, of Winterset.

James Kale was reared under the parental roof and was not only instructed by his father in the best methods of tilling the fields and caring for the stock.

but was also taught those lessons of industry and honesty that have had so large a part in shaping his life. In June, 1862, his love of country led him to enlist as a private, in Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, his captain being G. N. Elliott. The company rendezvoused at Davenport, Iowa, and after going to the front participated in many battles, including that of Allatoona Pass at Shady Grove, Tennessee, where he was taken prisoner. He was paroled at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, remaining there until he was exchanged. He then rejoined his regiment at Corinth, Mississippi, and was with it until the close of the war. The regiment was mustered out and discharged at Washington, D. C., and disbanded at Clinton, Iowa, having served for two years and ten months. Upon his return home Mr. Kale turned his attention to farming, purchasing eighty acres on section 23, Scott township, where he has since resided. He is industrious and so manages his work that his fields yield him a good return annually.

Mr. Kale married Miss Rue Evelyn King, a native of Menard county, Illinois, who passed away on the 26th of July, 1914, leaving the following children: Wilbur M., who married Louie Howard, and farms in South township; Ansel, who married Mabel Turner, of Des Moines; Cora, the wife of E. E. McNeeley, of Des Moines; Fred, who married Nannie Link, and resides in Scott township; Lester, who married Catherine Zeller and resides in Union township; Ettie, now Mrs. Ora Husted, who resides upon the farm which her paternal grandfather bought when he first came to this county; and Ora Harvey, who married a Miss Stout and is now residing in Winterset.

Mr. Kale is a standpat republican and is unyielding in his loyalty to the party that stood by the Union at the time when it was assailed and that has played such an important part in the government of the nation since that time. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and makes his religion the basic element of his life. He is identified with John A. Pitzer Post, G. A. R., at Winterset and finds pleasure in meeting those who like himself offered their lives if need be in their country's defense.

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#### MOSES BAILEY.

Moses Bailey, a retired jeweler and farmer living in Douglas township, was for a number of years actively connected with the agricultural and commercial interests of this county. His birth occurred in Highland county, Ohio, January 15, 1825. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Timberlake) Bailey, were natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Virginia. The father, who was born on the 4th of August, 1777, and passed away November 27, 1858, was a blacksmith and followed his trade together with farming in Ohio. He also devoted some attention to the burning of brick and as a result nearly lost his eyesight. He was a Quaker in his religious faith and held a high place in the estimation of his fellowmen.

Moses Bailey learned the silversmith's trade in Ohio and in the fall following his marriage, which occurred in January, 1853, he and his wife came west to Cedar county, Iowa. In 1854, however, they removed to Van Buren county

and the following year came to Winterset. Mr. Bailey engaged in the jewelry business there and was one of the early merchants of that city. His store was in a log house, which is still standing near the city park. At that time Winterset was but a village and both the courthouse and jail were log structures. Since 1870 Mr. Bailey has not been connected with commercial affairs but has lived upon his forty acres of land near Winterset. He devoted much attention to the raising of bees and to horticulture and found these occupations congenial and lucrative. He is now living largely retired.

On New Year's Day, 1853, Mr. Bailey married Miss Mary Chandler, who was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 19, 1831. Her father, Eli Chandler, a son of Enoch and Hannah Chandler, was born in Pennsylvania, and her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Horner, was a daughter of Ephraim and Katherine (Lawrence) Horner and was born in Pennsylvania in 1800. Eli Chandler removed from Belmont county to Harrison county, Ohio, where he became an extensive landowner and also the proprietor of a sawmill on Stillwater creek. Subsequently he took up his residence in Belmont county, Ohio, where he was known as a substantial and successful farmer and good citizen. He remained there until 1843 and then moved to Highland county, Ohio, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres and remained there until about 1853, when he located near Kokomo, Indiana, where both he and his wife died.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have five children. Thomas Russell, born May 12, 1865, is engaged in cement work in Winterset. He is married and has two children: Clarence, who is also married; and Willis. Edward C., born February 2, 1867, is also married. Mary Elizabeth is the widow of Vinson Eyerly, a son of George W. Eyerly, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Eyerly, Alice and Hershel. Mrs. Eyerly now makes her home with her father. William, born December 29, 1871, is operating the farm belonging to his father. He is energetic and progressive and has erected new buildings, set out an orchard and in other ways improved the place. He also runs a threshing machine. Clara, the youngest in the family, is the wife of George W. Eyerly.

Mr. Bailey is affiliated with the Christian church of Winterset and has taken considerable interest in the work of that organization. The care of his private interests, however, has demanded the greater part of his time throughout his life and his efforts have resulted in the acquirement of a competence that enables him to live retired. He has reached the age of four score years and ten and is one of the oldest and most honored residents of his township.

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### GEORGE JOHNSTON.

George Johnston, a well-to-do retired farmer who is living in Winterset, is worthy of honor as a self-made man, having achieved success solely through his own efforts. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on the 13th of November, 1840, a son of William and Mary (Steele) Johnston, natives of the Keystone state. They were married in Ohio, where the father carried on agricultural pur-





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suits, and both have passed to their reward. The paternal grandfather of our subject served in the War of 1812.

George Johnston is the fourth youngest in a family of eleven children and was compelled to go to work early, receiving no schooling after the age of thirteen years. A log cabin served as the school house and the seats were but slabs. After putting aside his text-books Mr. Johnston remained home, assisting his father until he was seventeen years of age, when he found work on a canal connecting Toledo, Ohio, and Fort Wayne, Indiana. After being so employed for one summer he returned home and was next in the employ of the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne Railroad, for which he got out cross ties. In the spring of 1864 he enlisted at Wooster, Ohio, in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and for nine months was in the reserve of the Federal army, seeing but little fighting in that time.

After the close of the war Mr. Johnston went to Michigan and spent three months in the pine woods one hundred and sixty-five miles north of Grand Rapids and sixty-five miles from the camp in the heart of a heavily timbered region. In 1865 he came to Iowa and located at Pleasantville, Marion county, where he worked by the month for four years. At the end of that time he rented land in that county and subsequently farmed leased land in Warren county. In 1874 he removed to Madison county and purchased eighty acres of land near Douglas. He built an upright board shanty, fourteen by sixteen feet, which was the family home for three years and their seed wheat was kept in a box built under the bed. As prosperity rewarded his efforts he built a more commodious residence and made various other improvements upon his farm, which became in time a valuable and well developed property. He has always taken much interest in the development of the county along agricultural lines and a number of years ago was elected the president of the County Fair Association, which was then quite heavily in debt. He gave his time to the association gratuitously, using every cent of the funds received to discharge the obligations of the association and put it on its feet financially. Upon his retirement from the office its affairs were in a good condition. He still owns his farm, although he is now living retired in Winterset, enjoying a competence gained by much hard work and by carefully husbanding his resources.

Mr. Johnston was married in 1871 to Miss Mary Smith, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Thomas and Amelia (Miller) Smith, born respectively in Pennsylvania and Wayne county, Ohio. The family removed to Iowa when Mrs. Johnston was seven years of age and her father passed away in Warren county. Her mother died at the home of a daughter in Douglas township, Madison county. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have been born three children: Thomas, who died when five months old; Mary Alice, who taught school in Madison county for six years, and is now the wife of Perry Hersom, a ranchman of Columbus, Montana, by whom she has two children, Laura Mary and George Miles; and Martha Amelia, who attended the Iowa University at Iowa City and taught school two years. She is the wife of Frank Newlon, of Melcher, Marion county, Iowa, and they have two children, Robert J. and Clark F.

Mr. Johnston is a democrat and was township trustee for nine years, while for many years he held the office of school director. Thirty years ago he joined the Methodist church and has since taken an active interest in its work. He was

on the building committee when the West Star church was built in Douglas township. In the fall of 1865, when the hostile spirit between the north and south was as strong as during the war, Mr. Johnston, wearing his Federal soldier's uniform, made a trip from Marion county to Missouri, which was strongly southern in its sympathies, with a load of flour and traded the same for a load of apples. He has manifested those sturdy virtues of self-reliance, independence and industry that have been so largely responsible for the upbuilding of the west and it is fitting that he should now enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

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#### BEN R. RANKIN.

Ben R. Rankin, who was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Truro as proprietor of a general store, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 19th of July, 1848, a son of Samuel and Sarah Rankin. The father was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, and the mother was likewise a native of that state, where they were reared and married. Subsequently they removed to Belmont county, Ohio, where the father farmed until 1851, when with his family he came to this county and entered land near Peru in Walnut township. That place remained the home of the parents until 1894, when they removed to Winterset and there resided until called to the great beyond, the father in 1900 and the mother in 1901.

Ben R. Rankin attended the common schools of Walnut township and while still a youth went to Missouri, where for a time he worked upon his brother's farm. He was married in that state in 1876 and remained there until 1880, when he returned to Iowa and turned his attention to merchandising, conducting a general store at Peru, this county. After seven years he sold his business and in 1889 he went to Barney, Iowa, where he opened a general store. His stock of goods was destroyed by fire and in 1895 he located at Truro, where he again engaged in merchandising, conducting a general store here for eighteen years, or until his death on the 31st of March, 1913. He was progressive and energetic, managed his business affairs well and depended upon the value of his goods and the honorable policy which he invariably pursued to hold his custom. His volume of business grew steadily and he derived a good income from the conduct of his store, which was one of the best known in this part of the state. For fourteen months after his demise his widow conducted the business and then sold out.

On the 5th of January, 1876, at Brunswick, Missouri, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rankin and Miss Alberta Likens, a daughter of Levi and Susan (Bossler) Likens, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Chester county, of Swedish ancestry, and the latter in Blair county, of Dutch lineage. In his early manhood Mr. Likens was a coal miner but later devoted his life to farming. In 1854 the family removed to the west and settled near Davenport, Iowa, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until 1869, when removal was made to Sheridan county, Missouri. He bought land there, which he operated until his death on the 31st of March, 1902. His widow is now making her

home at Truro with her daughter, Mrs. Rankin. Mrs. Likens has reached the advanced age of eighty-four but still enjoys the best of health.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rankin were born two children. Orville, born June 18, 1877, died March 8, 1894. Frank, born July 28, 1879, was united in marriage in 1899 to Miss Ida Heacock and they became the parents of two children: Garry, born June 4, 1901; and Geraldine, whose natal day was April 26, 1904. His wife died June 18, 1905, and September 26, 1906, he married Mrs. Grace (Swearingin) Young, of Ohio township. To this union have been born three children: Dale, born May 15, 1907; Claude, June 28, 1908; and Phyllis, April 11, 1911.

Mr. Rankin was a democrat and for several years served as a member of the city council of Truro. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member. Fraternally he was connected with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and his wife at one time belonged to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Order of the Eastern Star and the Rathbone Sisters. He was fully entitled to the success that came to him, as he gave strict attention to his business, worked hard and was at all times strictly honorable in his business dealings, never taking undue advantage of another. He was a self-made man and his manly qualities of character made him honored and respected.

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#### WILLIAM WHITWORTH.

William Whitworth, a retired farmer of Macksburg, is a native of England but has completely identified his interests with those of his adopted country. He was born in Cambridgeshire on the 18th of December, 1841, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Green) Whitworth, also natives of England, who in June, 1853, emigrated to the United States. They landed in New York and then proceeded by way of the Erie canal and the Great Lakes to Cleveland, Ohio, passing Buffalo, New York, on the 4th of July. They settled upon a farm twenty miles from Cleveland and the father cultivated rented land there for about five years. At the end of that time he removed with his family to Bureau county, Illinois, and in 1870 he and his wife came to Iowa, making their home with our subject for the greater part of the time until called to the great beyond. The mother passed away at the home of our subject in 1873, when sixty-two years old, and the father died at the home of his son, Morley, in 1887, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-four. When they came to the United States there were eleven children in the family, but only five survive: George, William and Morley, all of this county; and Mrs. Hoblet and Mrs. Cook, both residing in Sioux City.

William Whitworth was a child of eleven years when he accompanied his parents to the United States and he continued his education in this country. In September, 1861, when not quite twenty years of age, he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain F. A. Beatty and Colonel F. J. Hobart, and on the 18th of December, 1861,—the anniversary of his birth—was enrolled in the United States service. He took part in the battles of Fort Donelson, Fort Henry and Shiloh and at the last named engage-

ment was wounded in the knee by the cross-fire of the enemy. He was sent home and remained away from the command for thirty days, after which he rejoined his regiment and saw considerable skirmishing but participated in no important battles thereafter. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865 and returned to Bureau county, Illinois. In 1870 he came to this county and purchased eighty acres of wild land on section 15, Grand River township, which he improved and which remained his home until about four years ago. He then sold his land and removed to Macksburg, where he is now living in honorable retirement. He was industrious and managed his affairs well, so that during the years of his activity he accumulated a competence that insures comfort during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Whitworth married Miss Elizabeth Green, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 20th of August, 1841, a daughter of Johnson A. and Abigail Green, natives respectively of Scotland and Germany. Both passed away in this county and on the 18th of April, 1901, their daughter departed this life. To Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth were born two children: a son who died in infancy; and Ida, who is unmarried and is keeping house for her father.

Mr. Whitworth is a republican and has been a loyal and consistent member of the Baptist church since before the war, but his wife belonged to the Christian church. He held membership in J. D. Craven Post, No. 322, G. A. R., at Macksburg until it was disbanded and takes justifiable pride in his military record. He owns a comfortable home in Macksburg and has many friends in that town and its vicinity.

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#### RALPH TRAVIS SCHOENENBERGER.

Ralph Travis Schoenenberger, a progressive and representative agriculturist of Scott township, operates a farm of three hundred and eighty acres on section 19 and also carries on stock-raising with excellent results. His birth occurred in Walnut township, this county, on the 13th of December, 1878, his parents being John and Lavina (Travis) Schoenenberger, of whom more extended mention is made on another page of this work. He acquired his education in the country schools and at Winterset and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has made farming his life work and is now operating the E. E. McCall place of three hundred and eighty acres in Scott township, conducting it according to the most modern methods of agriculture and maintaining it as a productive and highly remunerative property. Mr. Schoenenberger likewise devotes considerable attention to stock-raising and has met with commendable success in all of his undertakings.

On the 28th of November, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Grace Adeline Hartsook, her parents being William and Catherine R. (Smoot) Hartsook, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this volume. To our subject and his wife have been born three children, namely: Kathryn Lovina, John H. and Paul.

Mr. Schoenenberger gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has done valuable service as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. His entire life has been spent in Madison county and both he and his wife are widely and favorably known within its borders, the circle of their friends being almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

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#### FRED F. LYTLE.

Fred F. Lytle, one of the successful farmers of Ohio township, was born on the 24th of July, 1874, at St. Charles, Iowa, a son of James M. and Malissa J. (Porter) Lytle. The father, a native of Ohio and a carpenter by trade, came to Madison county in 1883 and located at St. Charles, where he followed his trade for a short time. Before the end of the year, however, he removed to Des Moines, where he is still a successful carpenter and contractor. He resides at No. 913 East Washington street and has many warm friends. His first wife died shortly after their removal to that city on the 18th of May, 1883, and he subsequently married Miss Ina Miller. To his first union were born the following children: Walter B., a farmer living at Carson, Iowa, who married Miss Myrtle Shinn; Fred F.; Ralph P., of Chicago; William, a farmer living near Winterset, who married Miss Ella Johnson; and Nellie, who died at the age of eighteen months.

Fred F. Lytle attended school at St. Charles until he was nine years of age and then removed with his parents to Des Moines, where he continued his education. When but fourteen years of age he started out upon his own account, working as a hired hand on a farm near Newton, Iowa, until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1896 he came to Ohio township, this county, and was in the employ of others for four years. At the end of that time he purchased his present farm and the following year took up his residence thereon. He owns eighty-four and a half acres of well improved land on section 4, Ohio township, and is meeting with success in general farming and stock-raising. He feeds a large number of cattle and hogs annually, which he sells to shippers.

On the 19th of December, 1899, at St. Charles, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lytle and Miss Carrie Myrtle Roberts, a daughter of Wesley and Mary Madaline (Johnson) Roberts. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish descent, followed the occupation of farming and in 1866 came to Madison county, settling on Clanton creek in South township. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land and resided there until nineteen years ago, when he sold out and removed to the vicinity of St. Charles, where he bought land and lived for eleven years, after which he sold his farm and took up his residence in St. Charles. There he was living at the time of his death, which occurred on the 16th of March, 1910. His wife, who is still living in St. Charles, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on the 5th of March, 1850, and they were married in St. Charles, Iowa, on the 18th of February, 1869. In their family were seven children: Walter M., who was born January 15, 1870, and is now deceased; Cora D., born November 17, 1873, who married Eustace Slinker; Carrie Myrtle, who was

born on the 22d day of July, 1875; Lucy Elizabeth, who was born January 15, 1879, and has passed away; Nettie, who was born September 23, 1881, and is also deceased; and Clyde and Harry, twins, whose natal day was the 8th of October, 1884. Clyde is deceased and Harry is residing near St. Charles. Mr. Roberts was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for almost three years as a private in Company B, Twenty-second Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on the 12th of August, 1862, and was mustered out and honorably discharged on the 1st of May, 1865. He saw a great deal of fighting, went through the siege of Vicksburg and participated in a number of battles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lytle have been born the following children: Forrest Leland, whose birth occurred on the 11th of November, 1900, and who died on the 12th of November, 1904; Jennie Faye, who was born February 10, 1904, and is attending the Truro high school; Lyle Raymond, who was born on the 8th of October, 1907, and is in school; Wendell Roberts, born July 26, 1909; and Helen Maxine, whose birth occurred on the 19th of December, 1913.

Mr. Lytle is a republican in politics and is now serving his first term as treasurer of Ohio township. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Truro and she is also affiliated with the Ladies Aid society of that congregation. She likewise belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star at St. Charles. Mr. Lytle deserves great credit for the success which he has achieved in his chosen occupation, as he began providing for his own support when but fourteen years of age and has been dependent upon his own resources since that time. The self-reliance and determination which he has developed command the respect of those who know him and his agreeable social traits have won him the friendship of many.

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#### BENJAMIN S. VIERLING.

Benjamin S. Vierling, deceased, was a successful farmer of Madison county, was a public-spirited citizen and a man of cultured tastes and a sincere friend. He was born on the 15th of October, 1837, at Salem, North Carolina, of which place his parents, Fraugott Theophilus and Catharine (Williams) Vierling, were also natives. The paternal grandfather, Dr. Samuel Benjamin Vierling, emigrated from Berlin, Germany, to North Carolina in 1789. He was a noted physician and the family for a number of generations back was very prominent, producing many eminent physicians, musicians and professors. Mr. and Mrs. Fraugott Vierling came with a number of friends to Iowa in 1849 and settled in Appanoose county, where the little colony founded the town of Moravia. Together they endured the hardships of pioneer life and persevered in spite of discouragements. In 1870 the parents of our subject came to Madison county and purchased a home in Scott township. Upon that farm of eighty acres they resided until the death of the father. The mother then removed to Winterset, where she passed away in 1899. They belonged to that devoted sect, the Moravians, from which have descended some of the most sturdy and conscientious citizens of America.





*Benjamin S. Wheeling*



Benjamin S. Vierling received his early education in Moravian schools of Salem, North Carolina, and learned from his God-fearing parents high principles of conduct. In 1862 his love for his country caused him to enlist in the Thirty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and he was with his command as sergeant until the close of the war, proving at all times fearless and loyal and participating in much hard fighting. He was wounded in battle and carried the bullet in his hip throughout the remainder of his life. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Devall Bluff, Arkansas, in 1865.

After his return from the front, when peace was restored, Mr. Vierling engaged in the drug business and began the study of medicine, thinking to follow that profession in which a number of his ancestors had won distinction. However, the close confinement indoors soon began to tell upon his health and he gave up the idea of practicing medicine and again turned his attention to farming. He operated the homestead from that time until his death and gained a good income from his agricultural activities.

In 1867 Mr. Vierling married Miss Elizabeth Wykoff, a daughter of Jacob and Rachel Wykoff, who emigrated from Ohio to Jefferson county, Iowa, at an early day, and subsequently removed to Decatur county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Vierling, as follows: Anna; Mary, the wife of Henry L. Bruett; George, who married Maud Johnson; Charles, deceased, who married Miss Josephine Miller; Ernest, who married Maud Campbell; and Eva, Frank and Henry, all of whom died in infancy.

In early life Mr. Vierling belonged to the Moravian church but later joined the United Brethren church at Providence and was for many years an official in his church. He took much interest in the work of his denomination and did all that was possible to further the cause of Christianity and secure the moral betterment of his community. He found much in life to enjoy, taking great pleasure in the out-of-doors, and he was also fond of art, music and literature, being an exceptionally well read man. However, not the least of his pleasure came from his association with his fellows, as he was very congenial and was never happier than when with his friends. His demise, which occurred on the 31st of May, 1905, was felt as a personal loss to many, and all realized that the county had lost a man who had done much for its advancement along various lines of development. For years he served as township clerk and always took an active interest in political affairs. His ballot was cast in support of the democratic party. Fraternally his only connection was with the Grand Army of the Republic. His widow is still living and makes her home in Winterset, where she is highly esteemed.

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#### THOMAS McKEE.

Thomas McKee, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Douglas township, was born in Crawford township, Washington county, this state, on the 2d of August, 1851, and his entire life has been spent in Iowa. He was the first-born of the ten children of John and Margaret (Holmes) McKee. The father was born in County Antrim, Ireland, on the 20th of September, 1824, and died on

the 2d of November, 1891. The mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1834, and she is still living. John McKee, who was a shoemaker by trade, emigrated to the United States and settled in Indiana in 1839, but the following year he made the overland journey to Washington county, Iowa. As he drove oxen, the way seemed long and tedious and when he arrived at his destination he found a country that showed very little evidence of white settlement. He was a pioneer in truth and was a leader of his community in the early days of Washington county. There were plenty of deer and game of all kinds and he acquired considerable note as a hunter. His cabin, which was sixteen by twenty-four feet in dimensions, was decorated with many skins of various animals. He shot a great number of deer and tanned the skins, of which his wife made mittens for the neighbors, charging fifty cents a pair. He entered a quarter section of land from the government and resided thereon until his death. His religious faith was that of the United Presbyterian church and he helped to organize the first church of that denomination in his county. He held office in the church almost continuously after reaching years of maturity, and he was also prominent in matters of local government, filling a number of township offices and helping to organize the county. He won material success and also the unfeigned regard and esteem of those who were associated with him.

Thomas McKee received his education in the district schools and first attended school in a log cabin, in which the only seats were rough benches hewn out of logs. The building, its equipment and the methods of instruction were all primitive considered from the present-day standpoint, but they served well their purpose and trained men and women who have performed successfully the tasks that have fallen to them. Mr. McKee remained at home until he attained his majority and then became a farm hand, being so employed until 1876. In that year he started out as an agriculturist on his own account and cultivated land in Washington county until 1900, when he removed to Madison county, where he has since lived. He has a quarter section of fine land and does general farming and stock-raising. His practical methods, his energy and his judicious management of the financial phases of farming all contributed in large measure to the success which he enjoys.

Mr. McKee married Miss Anna M. Gornly, a native of Crawford township, Washington county, and a daughter of William and Susan J. (Hareld) Gornly, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania on the 3d of September, 1817, and the latter in Virginia on the 12th of March, 1828. Mr. Gornly, who was a farmer, removed to Washington county, Iowa, about 1850 and became one of the worthy pioneers of that section. The Harelds were probably the second family to settle in that county, arriving in 1839. Mr. Gornly was quite active in republican circles and for about twenty-five years held the office of road supervisor. He was a devout and influential member of the United Presbyterian church. He owned one hundred and twenty acres of land near Crawfordsville and passed away there on the 1st of January, 1894. His wife survived him until 1897. To Mr. and Mrs. McKee have been born five children. Frank R., whose birth occurred on the 31st of December, 1878, married Miss Cora Banks and they have three children, Elmer D., Clive and Harry Lincoln. Harry I., born January 20, 1880, is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Linnie Strown, by whom he has a son, Leslie W. James Wilbert, the assistant cashier in the Citi-

zens Bank of Winterset, married Miss Effie Banks and they have a daughter, Helen M. William Dean, a graduate a Monmouth College, is principal of the Media Academy of Media, Illinois. John L., who is living upon the home farm, married Miss Elsie Addie.

Mr. McKee has for years been a leader in the local ranks of the prohibition party and has held a number of township offices. He has been very active in the work of the United Presbyterian church and has served as elder and trustee. His life is guided by the highest ethics and his hearty cooperation is given to all good causes.

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### JOHN W. BEEM.

John W. Beem, who has lived in this county for a half century, being brought here by his parents when but two years of age, has devoted his attention to general farming with excellent results and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 8, Scott township. His birth occurred in Jackson county, Indiana, on the 29th of January, 1862, his parents being Richard and Elsie (Newkirk) Beem, who were born, reared and married in Indiana. They came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1864 and took up their abode in Scott township, the father being employed as a laborer in the old Buffalo mills. To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beem, both of whom are deceased, were born the following children: Emmarietta, the deceased wife of Ezra Hermon, of Scott township; Lemuel, who is a resident of Winterset; Luzetta, who died at the age of thirteen years; John W., of this review; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Ed Mendenhall, of Kansas City, Kansas; Rose, who was the wife of Walter Young and passed away four years ago; Walter, living in Winterset, Iowa; Ollie, who married George Peel, of Omaha, Nebraska; Newton, a resident of Winterset; and Maude, who is the wife of Milo Smith, and resides in Indiana.

John W. Beem remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age and then started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing forty acres of land near Macksburg, this county, which he cultivated for ten years. On the expiration of that period he bought his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Scott township, and has been engaged in its operation continuously since, annually gathering good harvests which find a ready sale on the market. His property is well improved and he has long been numbered among the enterprising and substantial citizens of the community.

In 1889 Mr. Beem was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Viola Hircock, who was born in Madison county, Iowa, on the 25th of November, 1867. Her father, William Hircock, a native of England, was but nine years of age when he emigrated to the United States with his parents, Peter and Elizabeth Hircock, who settled first in Ohio and subsequently took up their abode in Scott township, this county, here spending the remainder of their lives. William Hircock followed general agricultural pursuits and owned a good farm in Scott township. His demise, however, occurred in Nebraska. He was twice married, his first wife being in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, a native of Ohio, while his second wife was Miss Hannah Maxwell. The record of his children, three of

whom were born by his first wife and five by his second, is as follows: Julia Etta, the wife of Edgar Harrell, a resident of Scott township, this county; Mrs. Mary Viola Beem; John Omer, of Winterset; Flora, who gave her hand in marriage to John Kennedy, of Merna, Nebraska; Charles Wesley, a resident of Arizona; Dora, the deceased wife of Carl Whitney, a resident of Merna, Nebraska; Fred J., also a resident of Merna, Nebraska; and William, of Merna, Nebraska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beem have been born seven children, namely: Bertha, who is the wife of Robert Clopton, of Winterset, Iowa; Percy, Eunice and Mary, all at home; Lenore and Lorraine, twins; and Dorothy. The family is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community and it is with pleasure that we present this record to our readers.

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#### HENRY ROWE.

Henry Rowe was for many years a successful farmer but is now living in Macksburg and dealing in horses. Born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of April, 1849, he is a son of Andrew Rowe, who was born in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 27th of January, 1809. In 1822 the father came to the United States and eleven years later was united in marriage to Elizabeth Glassburner and they settled in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. They also lived in Westmoreland, Greene and Washington counties, that state, but in 1855 removed to Davis county, Iowa, where both spent the remainder of their lives. He was a farmer by occupation. In their family were eight children, as follows: Jacob, who is living at Bloomfield, Iowa; Martin, who resides in Macksburg; D. G., who died in this county; Elizabeth, the wife of William Bradley, of Carson, Iowa; Andrew, who died in this county; Henry, of this review; Mary Ann, now Mrs. Larkin Shackelford, of Elk county, Kansas; and Washington, who died in infancy. The four older sons were all soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war.

Henry Rowe spent his boyhood and youth in Davis county and acquired only a limited education, much of his time being taken up by farm work. He worked as a hired hand for a considerable time and for nine years was foreman on a large farm. He was married in Davis county and in 1874 removed to Madison county, locating on eighty acres of land which he had previously purchased. At that time the only building on the place was a small shanty but during the years that the farm was in his possession he made many improvements and erected suitable buildings, besides adding forty acres to his original purchase. In 1914 he sold his place for one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, the highest price ever paid for land in his township. The farm is recognized as the best improved place in the township and in the development of his property Mr. Rowe manifested not only a progressive spirit but also sound judgment. The sale of his grain and live stock returned to him a good income and he found the raising of Black Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs especially profitable. Since selling his farm and removing to Macksburg he has dealt extensively in horses, and has succeeded in that occupation also. He is an excellent judge of horses and has owned



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some valuable animals. He has one of the finest homes in Macksburg and it is provided with acetylene gas light, furnace heat, hot and cold water.

Mr. Rowe married Miss Almira Johns, who was born on the 18th of January, 1851, of the marriage of James and Lucinda (Morton) Johns, natives of Ohio, who settled in Davis county, Iowa, at an early day in the history of this state. Her father was a contractor and lumberman in Ohio but after removing to Iowa engaged in farming. Both he and his wife died in Davis county. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have two children. Manie is the wife of Charles Southworth, of Macksburg, and they have two children. Their daughter Bonnie is the wife of Gardner Crawford and has two children, Beulah and Jane, so that Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are great-grandparents. Pearl, the younger daughter of our subject, is the wife of Eugene Wilson, of Winterset, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they also have two children.

Mr. Rowe is a republican but has never aspired to political preferment. He has given the strictest attention to his business affairs, has sought continually to increase his efficiency, and his energetic and progressive spirit has been a large factor in his attainment of success. He was influential in getting a railroad built to Macksburg, giving liberally of both time and money to the project.

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#### DAVID P. EGY.

David P. Egy is residing upon the family homestead in Lincoln township, where his birth occurred on the 15th of December, 1860, in a log house which was built by his father in the early '50s and is still standing. Detailed mention of his parents is given in the sketch of J. S. Egy, of Winterset.

David P. Egy has always lived in this county and remained with his parents until they were called to their reward. He then came into possession of the home place, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land. He has erected new buildings, including a nice residence and two good barns, and takes pride in keeping everything about his place in good repair. Since boyhood he has devoted his energies to farming and as he is an energetic and efficient agriculturist, he derives a good income annually from his land. In addition to raising the usual crops he feeds stock, the sale of which nets him a considerable profit.

On the 11th of December, 1889, Mr. Egy married Miss Myrtle M. Rehard, a native of Madison county and a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Rogers) Rehard, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, October 20, 1824, and the latter in Ohio, October 26, 1833. They were married on the 18th of October, 1855, and became the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy, and Ragan died in 1910. Mrs. Egy completes the family. The father died on the 3d of January, 1912, and the mother on the 1st of May, 1902. He also had two children by a previous marriage: John, who is deceased; and L. H., who is residing with a daughter in Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Rehard came to this county in 1865 and settled in Douglas township, where the father successfully followed the occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Egy have had eleven children, Martha Mary, Walter John, James Glenn, Hugh Paul, Laura Ruth, Naomi Lillie, Ray Hoyt, Joe Ellis, Dean, deceased, Claude Philoh and Hazel May.

Mr. Egy is a republican but has never felt the least desire to hold public office. He has concentrated his entire attention upon his farming and claims to have done more work than any other man in the county. His labors have been effective and he is now financially independent, he and his wife together owning over five hundred acres of land, all of which is very fertile and is under cultivation. Fraternally he is connected with Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Winterset and is a Mason in spirit as well as in name, being at all times ready to serve a brother in the lodge or indeed anyone who is in need of his assistance.

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### J. D. CRAVEN.

J. D. Craven, a veteran of the Civil war and an able farmer of this county, passed to his reward many years ago but his memory is still cherished by those who knew him well. He was born in Morgan county, Indiana, July 31, 1830, of the marriage of Ira and Abigail (Barker) Craven, both natives of North Carolina, who removed to Indiana and there passed away.

J. D. Craven was reared in the Hoosier state and in 1856 came with his wife to Madison county, Iowa, buying eighty acres of unimproved land in Grand River township. He built a log cabin but while he and his wife were on a trip to Indiana their house was blown away by a tornado. Upon their return to this county they traded that eighty acre farm for an eighty acre tract south of Macksburg and there Mr. Craven engaged in farming until 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with the colors for three years, or until the end of the war, and proved a courageous and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of duty no matter how dangerous it might be. Although he was never wounded nor in a hospital he was home for six weeks on a sick furlough. After the close of the war he returned to this county and resumed farming. He not only cultivated the soil but also raised stock and was considered an excellent agriculturist. He passed away when forty-six years of age, dying on the 21st of November, 1876. He was the first veteran of the Civil war to pass away in his locality and when the post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Macksburg it was named in his honor the J. D. Craven Post, No. 322.

On the 19th of September, 1852, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Craven and Miss Eliza M. Duncan, who was born in North Carolina on the 23d of August, 1832, a daughter of John B. and Cynthia (Trogden) Duncan. Her father was born on the 18th of January, 1804, in North Carolina and passed away on the 1st of May, 1857. The mother was also born in that state on the 21st of April, 1811. They removed to Indiana when their daughter, Mrs. Craven, was three years of age and both died in the Hoosier state. Mr. and Mrs. Craven had eight children: Sylvester, a resident of Canada, who married Alice Jessup, now deceased; Cynthia A., who is the widow of Daniel Herr and resides in the state of Washington; Nancy Jane, the wife of Albert Charlton, of Loup City, Nebraska; Mary E., who gave her hand in marriage to Francis Saltus, of Sherwood, Oregon; John D.; Charles, who married Mary Blair, now deceased, and lives in Sherwood,

Oregon; Emma E., the wife of William Pyle, of Des Moines; and Frank, a resident of Macksburg, who married Emma Conway and has five children.

Mr. Craven gave his political allegiance to the republican party and conformed his life to the teachings of the Baptist church, of which he was a member. In his demise the county lost a good citizen and there were many who felt a sense of personal bereavement when he was called to his reward.

Mrs. Craven remained upon the farm for two years after the death of her husband and then removed to Macksburg, where she owns a comfortable home. She is now in her eighty-third year but is still in splendid health and does all of her own work. She is noted for her skill in cooking and for twenty-five years has conducted a hotel. When she first moved to Macksburg there was no hotel in the town and she began keeping travelers as there was no place else for them to go for she could not bear to see them lack comfortable lodging and good food. She is not only one of the oldest but is also one of the most esteemed residents of Macksburg and her reminiscences of life in the early days are of value in linking the present with the more primitive past which has made the comforts of today possible.

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#### HOMER D. BROWN.

Homer D. Brown, a well known jeweler of Truro, who was serving as postmaster at the time of his demise, was born in Madison county on the 9th of February, 1873, of the marriage of J. Rush and Armina (Cassidy) Brown. The father, who was born in Laporte county, Indiana, on the 22d of March, 1837, was a merchant and farmer but in 1861 put aside all personal considerations and enlisted in Company G, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the military service of the United States until 1865, when he was mustered out. At Clinton, Iowa, in 1866, he married Mrs. Armina Cassidy Schaffer, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1840. Some time after their marriage they removed to Prole, Iowa, and later to Indianola, where they resided for several years, after which they became residents of Truro, where both passed away, the father on the 13th of March, 1902, and the mother in March, 1909.

Homer D. Brown after attending the public schools of Indianola was a student in the high school there and later in Simpson College at that place. Upon putting aside his textbooks he learned the jeweler's trade at St. Charles, Iowa, under Mr. Wise and in 1898 came to Truro, where he engaged in that business. He opened a store which was well patronized, as he carried a line of jewelry that was attractive and in excellent taste and also moderate in price. He was appointed postmaster under President Roosevelt and was still the incumbent in that office when he passed away on the 28th of December, 1913, his long tenure of office being indubitable proof of his efficiency and courtesy.

On the 25th of June, 1902, Mr. Brown married Miss Bradie J. Creger, a daughter of Samuel M. and Rebecca J. (Reed) Creger, an account of whose lives is given in the sketches of two of Mrs. Brown's brothers, which appear elsewhere in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown was born a son, Samuel Ken-

neth, whose natal day was the 19th of March, 1903, and who is now a student in the Truro high school.

Mr. Brown was a republican in politics and took the interest of a good citizen in everything relating to the public welfare. He was successful as a business man and as postmaster was efficient and systematic in the management of the affairs of the office and all who knew him respected him highly. At the time of his death his wife was assistant postmaster and after serving out the unexpired term she was appointed postmistress by President Wilson, her retention in the office by the new administration proving her popularity and capability. She understands thoroughly the routine work and as she is energetic and systematic the mails are handled quickly and accurately. Her business ability commands the respect of her fellow citizens and her fine womanly traits of character bind her many friends to her with strong ties of affection.

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### THOMAS CLAGUE.

Thomas Clague, a highly respected farmer and stockman residing on section 6, Douglas township, was born on the Isle of Man, September 18, 1854, a son of Thomas and Ann (Cubbin) Clague, also natives of that place, the father born in 1804 and the mother in 1818. Both are deceased, the death of Mr. Clague occurring in 1859, and that of his widow in 1873. The father was a farmer and stock-raiser and passed his entire life in his native locality. He was a member of the Methodist church and held the esteem of those who knew him. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom Thomas is the youngest.

The last named attended school on the Isle of Man and remained there until he was nineteen years of age. In company with his brother, he then emigrated to the United States and began farming in the vicinity of Monmouth, Warren county, Illinois. In 1892 he removed to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land, upon which he has lived continuously for twenty-two years. His holdings comprise two hundred and eighty acres and he has a good substantial residence. He feeds both cattle and hogs and raises the grains best adapted to soil and climate. The operation of his farm requires his full time and his labors secure him a good income annually.

Mr. Clague was married in 1877, Miss Mary E. Ray becoming his wife. She was born in Warren county, Illinois, of the marriage of G. B. and Mary (Moore) Ray, both natives of Edmonson county, Kentucky. The father was born on the 29th of April, 1824, and passed away on the 23d of January, 1879, while the mother's birth occurred on the 18th of November, 1829, and she died on the 28th of December, 1872. Mr. Ray removed from Kentucky to Illinois about 1850 and settled in Warren county. He was an organizer and charter member of the Union Baptist church of his locality and was quite active in public affairs, although not a politician. He owned six hundred acres of land at the time of his death and had gained a high reputation as a farmer and stock-raiser. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom Mrs. Clague is the fourth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Clague have become the

parents of the following children: Charles E., born November 30, 1878, died August 16, 1901; Arnold, born March 2, 1880, and died May 22, 1887; Edgar, born June 17, 1882, a land owner of Douglas township, married Dolores Kingery, by whom he has a child, Gaylon; Willis E., born September 25, 1884, a farmer of Madison township, married Bernice Knox and has two children, Elsie B. and Earl W.; Nettie is the wife of Frank Stanley, a farmer of Penn township, by whom she has one child, Glenn; Ralph, born October 7, 1888, married Miss May Anderson and is farming land belonging to his father; Mabel is at home; Glenn, born October 18, 1893, and Evert Ray, born January 29, 1897, are also at home.

Mr. Clague takes a commendable interest in public affairs, although not an office seeker. He is a Baptist but his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Worthington, in which his wife and daughter Mabel take a very active interest. Mr. Clague has gained financial success in his adopted country and a place of honor in this county, where he has lived for so many years, his life of efficient labor and unswerving integrity winning him the confidence, good will and respect of all who know him.

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#### CHARLES WILLIAM HAYS.

Charles William Hays, a prosperous farmer of Douglas township, is a native of this county, born October 7, 1866. His parents, Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Shroll) Hays, were born, respectively, in Indiana on the 29th of June, 1825, and in Harrison county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of June, 1832. The father removed with his parents to Macon county, Illinois, when but a boy and continued to reside there for a number of years after reaching maturity. In 1865 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and bought the farm upon which our subject now lives, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits until his retirement. In that early day it was necessary to haul grain to Des Moines, as there were no nearer markets, and there were many inconveniences incident to living in a district that was as yet largely unsettled. He was a democrat and was quite active in local political affairs, but never desired to hold office. He was interested in the welfare of the schools and churches, although not a church member, and believed enthusiastically in the future of his county. He passed away April 13, 1903. Three of his children survive, as follows: G. R., of Earlham; E. T., of Joliet, Montana; and Charles William, of this review.

The last named was given the usual educational advantages of country boys, attending the district schools in his neighborhood. As he was the youngest child, he continued to reside upon the home farm with his parents, assisting his father in its cultivation until the latter's death, when it came into his possession and he is still residing there. It comprises one hundred and seventy-five acres and is excellently improved. He understands its operation thoroughly and his activities as a general farmer and stock-raiser bring to him a good annual income.

In 1894 Mr. Hays married Miss Mary I. Brown, likewise a native of this county and a daughter of Bradley and Mary Ann (Whitenack) Brown, the

former of whom was born in Indiana. Mr. Brown emigrated to Iowa before the Civil war and enlisted in Company I, Seventh Iowa Cavalry, for service in the Union army. He died shortly after his return to Winterset from a disease contracted while at the front. He was a farmer by occupation and was highly esteemed in his locality. Mr. and Mrs. Hays have the following children: Florence Ellen, who is attending the high school at Earlham; Robert Riley, born August 12, 1901; Ebenezer, born February 22, 1904; and Charles W., Jr., whose birth occurred November 15, 1912.

Mr. Hays is recognized as a progressive and up-to-date agriculturist and his relations with his fellowmen are guided by honorable principles which insure him a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

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### FREDERICK IMBODEN.

For many years Frederick Imboden was numbered among the active and successful farmers of Penn township and became the owner of more than six hundred acres of excellent land. However, in 1906 he retired and removed to Earlham, where he lived until his demise, which occurred on the 6th of November, 1908. Although Mr. Imboden became thoroughly identified with the best interests of Madison county, his birth occurred in Switzerland, of which country his parents, Frederick and Katharine Imboden, were also natives. He was born on the 15th of September, 1836, and in 1852 came with his parents to America, the family home being established in Holmes county, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming. Both he and his wife passed away in the Buckeye state, mourned by those who were closely associated with them. To their union were born the following children: Frederick; John, of Eagle Grove, Iowa; Elizabeth, Katharine and Annie, all of whom are deceased; and Margaret, who is living in Ohio.

Frederick Imboden received his education in Switzerland and after the removal of the family to the United States assisted his father with the work of cultivating the home farm in Holmes county, Ohio. In 1866 he migrated westward and came to Madison county, Iowa, where he purchased land in Penn township. From time to time he added to the quarter section which constituted his first farm and in time acquired title to over six hundred acres of well improved and productive land. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and was one of the most successful farmers of his township. He became financially independent and in 1906 removed to Earlham, where he lived retired until called to the home beyond. His widow still owns the homestead on section 34, Penn township, and resides with her children.

It was in Holmes county, Ohio, on the 14th of January, 1866, that Mr. Imboden was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Fites, a daughter of John and Margaret Fites, also natives of Switzerland. In 1833 they removed to Ohio, and in that state all of their children were born, namely: John, now a resident of Earlham; Samuel, who died in the Union army during the Civil war; Christ, and Henry, deceased; Fred, who is farming in Holmes county, Ohio; William, who has passed away; Margaret, who is living in Holmes county, Ohio; Mrs. Imboden; and





FREDERICK IMBODEN





MRS. FREDERICK IMBODEN



May, deceased. The father engaged in farming in Ohio and there both he and his wife resided until called by death.

To Mr. and Mrs. Imboden were born seven children. Julius, whose birth occurred on the 31st of October, 1866, is now a merchant residing in Greeley, Colorado. He married Miss Anna McKniff and they have two children, Helen and William. Ed, born February 2, 1868, is farming in Penn township. Lovie, whose birth occurred on the 5th of February, 1871, resides with Ed. Mary, whose natal day was the 28th of October, 1872, is also making her home with her brother Ed. Fred, born July 4, 1875, is farming in Jackson township. He married Miss Bertha Riser and they have four children, Iris, Clifford, Erma and Ona. Cora, born on the 15th of June, 1879, married Cord Boyle, a farmer of Penn township, by whom she has four children, Raymond, Clifton, Ruth and Mabel. Roy, born January 31, 1889, is farming the homestead in Penn township. He married Miss Ruth Hawkins and they have a daughter, Olive.

Mr. Imboden was a democrat and held a number of township offices, proving an efficient official. His religious faith was manifest in his membership in the Penn Center Methodist Episcopal church, to which his widow belongs. He was not only successful as an agriculturist, but was a public-spirited citizen, honorable in all relations of life, and the high respect in which he was generally held was well deserved.

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#### DAVID F. CLAMPITT.

David F. Clampitt has gained an enviable reputation as a progressive and successful farmer and stock-raiser, his property on sections 6 and 7, Douglas township, being one of the well improved farms of his locality. He was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, on the 3d of March, 1853, a son of William H. and Sally A. (Keathley) Clampitt. The father, who was born in that county on the 1st of March, 1828, was reared upon a farm and in addition to becoming familiar with agricultural work learned the carpenter's trade. He enlisted in the Second Indiana Regiment under Captain Davis and fought in the Mexican war. Later he made the journey overland to Iowa and arrived in Winterset on the 20th of November, 1854. He purchased land at a dollar and a quarter per acre and thus profited by the liberal terms granted to settlers by the government. He did much for the upbuilding of the country, continuing the development of his farm, although there were many hardships to be endured and many discouragements in those early days of settlement, when the dream of a prosperous farming country with many villages and cities seemed far off. Mr. Clampitt, in common with the other settlers, suffered much during the winter of 1856 and 1857, when the snows were especially heavy. In addition to cultivating his land he followed his trade as a carpenter, and many of the pioneer homes were his work. In 1862 he moved to Worthington and began freighting goods to Denver, Colorado. On account of the Indian outbreak, however, he made but few trips. He was with the last train that came east in 1863. For the following three years he devoted his attention chiefly to carpentering, but

in 1866 again took up farming and continued to cultivate the soil and work at his trade until he removed to Petoskey, Michigan, where he concentrated his energies upon the work of a carpenter and builder. He passed away in that city in 1892.

He was very popular and as he was a well-read man and possessed considerable executive ability he was one of the acknowledged leaders of his community. He was quite active in political affairs but never sought office. The Methodist Episcopal church profited much by his interest and his work in its behalf, and he assisted in building the church edifice of the Worthington Methodist Episcopal church in Madison township, Iowa county, Iowa. He was known wherever he lived for his integrity and steadfastness of purpose and possessed the moral courage to stand for the right even if doing so meant being alone in his position. His wife was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, May 17, 1832, and passed away in 1873. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are deceased, the two living being: Henry Thornton, a minister in the Church of Christ at Guthrie Center, Iowa; and the subject of this review.

David F. Clampitt was a student in the first schools of Madison township and sat upon log benches while mastering the three Rs which constituted the curriculum. He remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age and then hired out as a farm hand to James Henderson, of Guthrie county. After remaining there for a year he returned to Madison county and worked in the employ of others until 1880. He then began farming upon land which is now a part of the municipality of Earlham. He has lived in a number of localities and has owned land in both Adair and Madison counties, but is now residing in Douglas township, this county, where he owns eighty acres. He raises thoroughbred Chester White hogs and ships to all parts of the country, but although his stock comes from the best herds in the United States he has never cared to exhibit. He also carries on general farming to some extent. He is energetic and progressive and is reaping the reward of his labors in continued prosperity.

In 1879 Mr. Clampitt was united in marriage to Miss Annis J. Miller, who was born in Linn county, Iowa, of the marriage of Israel and Cynthia D. (Owens) Miller. The father was born near Columbus, Ohio, on the 16th of June, 1818, and died in 1912, while the mother, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, on the 10th of November, 1828, is still living. Mr. Miller came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1857, and purchased wild prairie land in Lincoln township, which he broke and began to farm. In 1863 he drove back to Indiana to spend the winter with friends. Upon his return to Iowa he removed to Linn county, where he put in a crop, but soon afterward sold his interests there and returned to his farm in this county. He passed the remainder of his life here and aided in securing the development of his locality. He owned a quarter section of land and for nearly a half century was well known as an agriculturist. When a boy he united with the Christian church and from that time until his death did all in his power to further the interests of that organization. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Early chapel in Jackson township, and in all that he did he placed the greatest emphasis upon righteousness, believing that matters should be settled from the standpoint of right and wrong and not from that of expediency. He and his wife were the parents of seven

children, but only two are living, the sister of Mrs. Clampitt being Mrs. W. B. Stock, of Omaha, Nebraska.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clampitt have been born six children, as follows: Charles, born September 11, 1880, is a farmer in Greene county, Iowa. He married Miss Pearl Cunar and they have four children, Russell, Eugene, Lavon and Raymond. R. Lee, born August 6, 1884, is carrying on agricultural pursuits in Warren county, this state. He married Miss Dolly Davis, of Winterset, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this county, and they have three children, Donald, Mildred and Emily. Clara, who attended the Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, is now teaching in the district schools of this county. Nellie and Elsie are both at home, and Frank, born March 8, 1899, is attending school at Earlham.

Mr. Clampitt has been a member of the Christian church since his youth, and his children have received the benefit of careful training in religious matters. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and his fraternal connection is with the Masonic order. He is a member of the Chester White Swine Record Association and finds that connection of value to him in his stock-raising. He is respected because of the ability that he has displayed in the conduct of his business affairs and because of the integrity and probity that are characteristic of him in all relations of life.

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#### W. H. McCLEARY.

Among the extensive stock-raisers of Penn township is numbered W. H. McCleary, who resides on section 12 and also gives some attention to general farming. He is a native of this county, born in February, 1865, a son of Charles and Mary (Yost) McCleary, natives of Ohio. In 1859 the father came down the Ohio and up the Mississippi by steamboat to Keokuk and thence drove across the country to Madison county. He bought land in Jefferson township, which he cultivated the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife passed away in October, 1907.

W. H. McCleary was reared and educated in Jefferson township and remained upon the homestead farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. He then went to Colorado, where he spent four years, and after his return was associated with his father in agricultural pursuits about twelve years. On the 12th of February, 1906, he rented the A. Diggs farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 12, Penn township, and for the last nine years has operated that place. Although he pays some attention to general farming, he specializes in the stock business, feeding from five to ten carloads of cattle annually. He also raises thoroughbred Poland China hogs, from the sale of which he derives a good profit.

Mr. McCleary married Miss Maude Stevenson in March, 1913. She is a daughter of Grandison and Margaret (Hamden) Stevenson, natives of Ohio. The father, who was a farmer, removed to Iowa at an early day, and during the Civil war served as a soldier in the Union army for three years and four months. In his later years he followed the trade of a mason and also engaged

in contracting. He passed away in 1909, but his widow survives him and resides in Des Moines.

Mr. McCleary supports the democratic party and believes firmly in those basic principles for which Jefferson and Jackson stood and which have found many eminent exponents in the later history of our country. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. A native son of this county, he has always felt that his interests were identical with those of the county and has always been glad to cooperate with all movements seeking the best interests of his community.

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#### JASPER S. DEVAULT.

Among those who have made valuable contribution to the agricultural prosperity of this county is Jasper S. Devault, a farmer living on section 9, Jackson township. He is a native of Johnson county, this state, born in 1857, of the marriage of Jonathan and Malinda (Stevenson) Devault. The father was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, in 1822, and the mother in the same county two years later. Mr. Devault farmed for a time in his native state after arriving at years of maturity, but in 1850 went to California by way of New York and the water route. He was there for four years, and in addition to working a placer mine owned about thirty dairy cows, which he pastured in the valley, selling the milk to the miners and transporting it to the camps on burros. In 1854 he returned to Indiana with considerable gold, but after remaining in the Hoosier state for a short time went to Johnson county, Iowa, removing his household effects in an old linch-pin wagon. The Mississippi was crossed on the ice. He homesteaded land in Johnson county and became one of its leading pioneer citizens. He was school director there for many years, and both he and his wife were active in the prohibition ranks, although in his early manhood he was a democrat. He owned about four hundred acres of land in Johnson county and followed general farming successfully. Subsequently he removed to this county, settling in Penn township, and acquired four hundred and eighty acres of land here. He passed away upon his farm in 1897 and was survived by his wife until 1910. To them were born eight children, four of whom are living in this county. Our subject is a twin to Sarah Jane, who is living upon the home farm with her brother John.

Jasper S. Devault was given better educational advantages than fall to the lot of the average boy, as he was a student in Cornell College at Mount Vernon. When twenty-one years of age his father gave him his "time" and he began shucking corn. The following spring he commenced farming for himself upon land belonging to his father in Penn township. After seven years, or on the 13th of March, 1886, he took up his residence on an eighty-acre tract in Jackson township, which he owned. He has since lived there and has added to his farm as his resources have increased, and now holds title to three hundred and twenty acres of land. He raises Black Angus cattle for commercial purposes, and also raises, feeds and ships hogs. He finds that his farm work leaves him little time for outside interests, but he feels that he is rewarded for his labors

in the good financial return that he derives from his farm and also values the independence of farm life.

On the 9th of April, 1882, Mr. Devault married Miss Hattie Rowe, who was born in German township, Holmes county, Ohio, and is a daughter of Andrew and Susan (Sheneman) Rowe, the former born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, in 1815, and the latter's birth occurring on the 21st of September, 1812. Both the Rowe and Sheneman families removed from Cumberland, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, to Holmes county, Ohio, at a time when there were many Indians in that section. Henry Sheneman, the grandfather of Mrs. Devault, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Mr. Rowe became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land which his father preempted from the government in Holmes county, and continued to operate his farm until his demise, which occurred in 1863. He was proud of his German descent and manifested those excellent traits of character that have made the German-Americans such a valuable factor in the life of this country. He took quite an active part in public affairs and was especially interested in the welfare of the public schools, serving for some time as school director. His wife died on the 24th of February, 1884. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Devault is the youngest. She attended the district schools near her home and later was a student in Shanesville College at Shanesville, Ohio. She taught school first in the country and later in Baltic, Ohio, specializing in German and English. From the age of seventeen to the present time she has been a Sunday school and church worker. In her girlhood she was a member of the German Reformed church but now belongs to the United Presbyterian church. To Mr. and Mrs. Devault have been born two children. Arthur C., whose natal day was the 9th of February, 1883, is a farmer of Scotland, South Dakota. He was given fine educational advantages, as he attended both the Dexter Normal and the Iowa State Normal at Cedar Falls. He taught school for a time but decided that farming would be more congenial and profitable. He married Miss Isa M. Banker and they have a son, Franz B. Jonathan Clifford Rowe, who was born November 29, 1892, is operating a portion of his father's farm. He was married February 24, 1915, to Miss Bessie Fife, a native of Winterset, Iowa.

Mr. Devault is a democrat in his political belief, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic lodge of Earlham. He was a member of the Pitzer lodge until it surrendered its charter, and held the offices of junior warden and senior warden. His life has been guided by honorable principles and he has not only won a fair measure of material success but has also gained the unqualified respect of his fellow citizens.

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#### W. L. COCHRAN.

W. L. Cochran, who is farming on section 24, Grand River township, was born upon the family homestead in that township on the 10th of June, 1874, a son of Wesley and Elizabeth (Hamblin) Cochran, a record of whose lives is given elsewhere in this work. He acquired a common-school education, and through assisting with the farm work as a boy received valuable training in

agriculture. His father gave him two hundred and forty acres of fine land in Grand River township, and he has since added thereto eighty acres, making a total of three hundred and twenty acres, which is in a high state of cultivation and produces excellent crops. He also raises stock quite extensively and finds that business profitable.

Mr. Cochran married Miss Bertha Cook, and they have two daughters, Marie and Helen. He supports the democratic party at the polls.

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### JAMES M. KELLOGG.

James M. Kellogg was for many years a farmer of Scott township, Madison county, and was highly respected by all who were brought in contact with him. Born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 24th of January, 1852, his father was Miles Kellogg, whose birth occurred in Butler county, Ohio, on the 5th of May, 1823. When nine years of age the latter removed with his parents to Fountain county, Indiana, and was there reared and married on the 3d of July, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, on the 20th of January, 1822, but grew to womanhood in Indiana. In 1845 they came to Iowa, remaining in Davis county for about six months, after which they settled in Mahaska county. In 1855 they removed to Madison county, locating upon a quarter section of land in Scott township. Mr. Kellogg was one of the county's earliest settlers and did his share in the work of transforming the wilderness into cultivated farms, as his land was wild prairie and timber land when it came into his possession. While making the journey from Indiana to Iowa he had a number of interesting experiences. They traveled in a one-horse wagon and it required thirteen days to make the trip. In Hancock, Illinois, they were held up on what was known as Nauvoo Swamp by a band of Mormons and their wagon was searched, but as no valuables were found they were allowed to proceed on their way. Mr. Kellogg died July 1, 1897, having survived his wife for five years, as her demise occurred on the 10th of March, 1892. Four of their seven children died in infancy, the others being: Sylvester B., who passed away on the 23d of January, 1876; Mary J., the wife of Jonathan A. Gordon, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and James M., of this review.

There are many representatives of the Kellogg family in this country and a two volume genealogy has been compiled which gives the names of more than ten thousand members of the family.

James M. Kellogg removed with his parents to this county in 1855 when he was but three years of age and grew to manhood on a farm in Scott township. As a boy and youth much of his time was given to assisting in the farm work and when he reached mature years he continued to follow agricultural pursuits. He became the owner of eighty acres of fine land and devoted his time and energy to its cultivation and improvement. He was industrious, managed his affairs wisely and his land yielded him a competence.

In 1876 Mr. Kellogg was married to Miss Ellen James, who was born in Madison county, near Winterset, on what is now Judge Lewis' farm, on the 31st of March, 1860. Her father, John H. James, a native of Indiana, was left an orphan





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in childhood and when a young man removed to Iowa, becoming a prosperous farmer of Madison county. He married Miss Permelia Smith, a daughter of Aquilla and Elizabeth Smith, early settlers of this county. Mr. James passed away September 3, 1879, and his widow was called to her reward on the 25th of March, 1912. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg: Charles, of Odebolt, Iowa, who married Miss Margaret Cort, by whom he has a daughter, Florence; and Frank, who is at home with his mother and is taking charge of the operation of the farm.

Mr. Kellogg was a republican in his political belief and held membership in the United Brethren church. He was unostentatious and quiet in manner, but those who were associated with him knew him to be a man of much genuine worth and he had many friends who were grieved by his death, which occurred on Christmas Day, 1903.

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#### ROBERT DUFF.

Among the many progressive and energetic farmers in this county is Robert Duff, residing on section 15, Jackson township. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 5, 1842, of the marriage of James and Elinor (Donnelly) Duff, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father removed to the Buckeye state, where he carried on general farming until 1859, when, with his family of four daughters and one son, he came overland to this county. He purchased land, a part of which is now in the possession of our subject, from a man by the name of Clark, who had received a patent for it from the government. When Mr. Duff settled here there were but few houses in the county and almost all of the work of development and improvement remained to be done. He at once set out trees and strove continually to make his home comfortable and attractive. He remained in this county until his death and took an active part in establishing schools and churches here. He was a charter member of the United Presbyterian church near his home and assisted materially in the erection of the house of worship. The church, however, was moved to Pitzer a number of years ago. Mr. Duff died when seventy-three years of age and his wife when seventy-one years old. Three of their children still live in this county, those beside our subject being Elizabeth and Margaret, who reside on part of the father's original homestead.

Robert Duff was seventeen years of age when he accompanied the family on their removal to this county, and most of his education was acquired in Ohio. However, he attended school one year in this county. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he enlisted at Winterset in Company D, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, and served for eight months under Captain Fabrin and Colonel Pomootz. The regiment first went to Davenport, thence to Chattanooga and later joined Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. Duff was mustered out at Washington, D. C., in 1865 and subsequently returned to this county and began farming the tract of land which he has operated continuously for the last fifty years. In that time the changes in the county have been but little short of marvelous, and it is a source of satisfaction

to him that he has done his part in bringing about the rapid development of this locality. He has made many improvements upon his farm and as he manages his work well he has accumulated a competence. He specializes in the raising of sheep and Poland China hogs and as his stock is of good grade and is in excellent condition when sold it brings good prices upon the market. He has a good orchard and raises a certain kind of apple that is not found elsewhere in this county, the seed of which was brought from Ohio.

In 1870 Mr. Duff married Miss Josephine Melton, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, July 20, 1853, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Wight) Melton, the former born on the 4th of May, 1827, and the latter on the 1st of July, 1830. They were married in 1846 and resided upon a farm in Illinois until 1858, when they removed to Adair county, Iowa, locating on land just across the road from Madison county. Mr. Melton took a lively interest in public affairs and was widely known and highly esteemed. His last years were spent at the home of our subject, and he passed away on the 21st of February, 1899, having survived his wife since the 26th of March, 1890.

To Mr. and Mrs. Duff have been born five children. Newton V., born on the 30th of December, 1872, married Miss Mary Alexander, a daughter of a veteran of the Civil war, living in Earlham, and to them has been born a son, Russell. Myrtle M., born October 18, 1874, is the wife of William Hawkenberry, a carpenter of Earlham, and they have two children, Mackelvy and Leo. Milton C., born on the 24th of March, 1877, owns land in South Dakota and is following agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Tillie Bast and they have four children, Orland, Robert Earl, Lyman and Raymond. Ella E., born on the 13th of July, 1880, is the wife of Charles Rogan, the manager of the Dexter Mutual Telephone Company. Velma G., whose natal day was the 21st of October, 1882, gave her hand in marriage to Arthur Aitchison, a farmer, and they make their home with our subject.

Mr. Duff is a democrat politically and has for many years been one of those men who take the lead in bettering conditions. He had much to do with building the good roads of the county, and in the early days aided materially in the establishing of schools and churches, although he is not a member of any church. He has been elected to a number of township offices but has failed to qualify, as he prefers to perform his public duties as a private citizen. He is widely known throughout the county and his friends are legion, as his character and personality are such as command the warm regard of all who know him.

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#### ALVA B. WEEKS.

Alva B. Weeks, who is farming on section 5, Monroe township, was born upon his father's farm in that township on the 14th of April, 1863. An account of the life of his father, William H. Weeks, will be found elsewhere in this work. The son attended the public schools and thus gained a serviceable education, at the same time assisting his father with the work of the home farm. When he was twenty-nine years of age he purchased two hundred acres of land adjoining his father's farm and has since given his time to its cultivation and

development. It was improved when it came into his possession but none of the buildings that were there at the time are standing now. He has erected a new residence, barns and other outbuildings and has made many improvements upon his place. He follows general farming and is successful in that occupation, as he is industrious and plans his work carefully. For a period of nine years he resided in Colorado Springs, where he engaged in the souvenir business, but during the greater part of his active life he has followed agricultural pursuits, which he finds both congenial and profitable.

Mr. Weeks married Miss Nina Schmidt, who was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States when eighteen years of age. They have four children, Ila May, Albert B., Mary Freda and Alvin K. Mr. Weeks is a republican, and both he and his wife belong to the Congregational church. They hold a high place in the estimation of those who know them and have made many warm friends.

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#### TIMOTHY I. KILLAM.

Timothy I. Killam, who owns a number of farms in Madison county and has other business interests, has for forty years resided in this county and for a quarter of a century in St. Charles, where he is now living. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, on the 20th of August, 1857, a son of Timothy I. Killam, Sr., who was born and reared in Hartford county, Connecticut, as was his wife, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Henrietta Billings. They were married in their native county but removed to Clayton county, Iowa, at an early day in the history of the state, locating upon land which Mr. Killam entered from the government. In the latter '60s they came to Madison county and resided for five years at Winterset, after which they took up their abode upon land which Mr. Killam purchased. The last three years of his life were spent in Adair county, Iowa, where he passed away in 1890 when seventy-three years of age. He had survived his wife for some time, as she was called to the home beyond in 1878. He was successful as a farmer and, holding the confidence of his neighbors, was elected to numerous township offices on the republican ticket. Both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. To them were born six children, namely: Mrs. Maria Brooker, of Earlham, who is now seventy-three years of age; Mrs. Elizabeth Brooker, of Van Meter, Iowa; J. M., of Truro; Clinton D., of Sioux City, Iowa, who is vice president of a large casket company; Timothy I.; and George A., of Denver, Colorado, who for the last thirty-five years has been active in the real-estate business.

Timothy I. Killam, Jr., became a resident of Madison county in his childhood and here grew to man's estate, acquiring his education in the common schools and in the Winterset high school. At one time he and two brothers were engaged in the lumber business, and for the last thirty-seven years he has given much of his attention to agriculture and stock-raising. He has held title to considerable Dakota land and still owns three farms in this county, from which he derives a handsome income. While in the lumber business he also dealt in grain

and coal and proved a successful merchant, buying wisely and selling at reasonable prices.

Mr. Killam was married in this county to Miss Minerva Smith, who was born in Ohio on the 9th of May, 1858, but was reared near Winterset, this county. Her father, James Smith, is mentioned more at length upon another page of this work. For some time previous to her marriage she gave piano lessons. Mr. and Mrs. Killam have become the parents of three children: Charles Le Roy, who is in the hardware business in St. Charles, married Miss Vesta Vanscoy and has three children; Myrtle is at home; and Earl D., a young man of twenty-one, is employed in the Bank of Adel and is well known in local musical circles, being a fine tenor singer.

Mr. Killam is a republican and has held many local offices, proving both capable and conscientious in the performance of his duties. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and his wife is a member of the Eastern Star. Both belong to the Methodist Episcopal church. Upon removing to St. Charles he purchased a beautiful home, which was formerly the Charles Wood residence, and the many friends of the family are always sure of a hospitable welcome at the Killam home. Mr. Killam has been ready in recognizing opportunity and prompt in taking advantage thereof, and his alertness and sound business judgment have been essential factors in his attainment of financial independence.

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#### ANDREW SHELTON SPEER.

Andrew Shelton Speer is one of the oldest settlers in Madison county and the oldest settler in Jackson township, where he has lived for a longer period than any other resident, having come here sixty-one years ago. He resides upon his farm, and although eighty-five years of age, still has a firm grasp upon his affairs and takes a keen interest in the events in the world at large. He was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, on the 18th of February, 1830, of the marriage of Andrew and Dicy (Kirby) Speer, the former born in Kentucky in what was then Shelby county but is now Olin county. The Speer family came originally from Ireland and for many generations there has been a son named Andrew. The first of the family to settle in the United States bore that name and lived to the remarkable age of one hundred and five years. His wife also reached a venerable age and they lived together for eighty years, a record seldom equalled. He had an old steelyard and it was his desire that it be given to the Andrew of each of the generations following him. The son of our subject, who was named Andrew, having died in 1899, the steelyard is still in the former's possession.

Andrew Speer, the father of our subject, followed farming in Kentucky until in 1824, when he removed to Leesville, Indiana. That part of the state was then a pioneer region and he hauled the first goods into the village of Leesville. He was instrumental in securing the early subscription schools, and with his neighbors built a blockhouse to protect the white settlers from the Indians, who were numerous and at times hostile. One of the men, Jacob Flynn, was carried away by the red men and taken to a point on the Wabash river north of



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Vincennes. He pretended to be unable to paddle a canoe and his captors relaxed their guard of him somewhat, giving him considerable freedom in the task assigned him, that of picking herbs. He succeeded in escaping from them and for two weeks lived on leaves and buds and was completely exhausted when finally picked up by white men and sent back to his family. Our subject's father resided in the Hoosier state until his demise. He owned two hundred and eighty acres and had also purchased forty acres for each of his eleven children. The latter part of his life he was an influential member and active worker in the United Brethren church. He held a number of township offices and was well known and sincerely respected. Our subject is the third youngest in a family of eleven children, three others of whom, Jesse, James and George W., were at one time residents of this county.

Andrew Shelton Speer attended the subscription and district schools of Indiana, and when twenty-one years of age became a teacher in that state. In 1853 he joined a party of emigrants who came overland to Jackson township, this county, and entered government land. He built a log cabin and for several years kept bachelor's hall. At the time of his arrival here there were but two families in his locality and the great prairies were still as they had been for unknown ages. Game was plentiful and he was once mistaken for a wolf, as he wore a fur coat, and was shot in the jaw December 11, 1855. His life was despaired of but he was carefully nursed by neighbors, and recovered without any ill effects, save for a scar which he carries to this day. He cherishes the memory of Mrs. Fry, who gave him every attention, and Mr. Speer feels very grateful to her for the courtesy rendered. Winterset was but a small village and there was only one cabin on the east side of the square. He purchased two hundred and forty acres on section 12, Jackson township, from the government, paying a dollar and a quarter per acre. He immediately began to break the sod and bring his land under cultivation. Shortly before his marriage he built a new home for his bride and the house is still standing. It remained the family home for many years and there all of his children were born. He followed general farming and stock-raising during his active life and was very successful in those occupations. He was active in community affairs in the early history of the county and for several years served as township assessor. For seven winters in the early period of his residence here the snow was so deep that it was possible to drive to town over the fences.

In April, 1863, Mr. Speer was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Evans, who was born in Des Moines county, this state, in 1843. Her entire life has been spent in Iowa, as she has never been outside the boundaries of the state. Her parents were Robert A. and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Evans, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Indiana. Elizabeth Shoemaker was a descendant of one of the oldest families of Pennsylvania and was a schoolmate of President Tyler. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Speer fought in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. Her father, Robert A. Evans, went to Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1831 and found all kinds of wild game, including buffalo. Indians were also numerous and there were but few white settlers in the county. In 1846 he voted for statehood and he performed well his part in laying the foundation of the greatness of Iowa today. In 1848 he removed to this county and purchased four hundred and forty acres of land in Douglas

township. He continued to reside there until his death. He was without political aspirations, but was active in school and church affairs, particularly in the latter, being a charter member of the Baptist church of Douglas township. His brother Joseph was the first sheriff of Madison county and some of his brothers fought in the War of 1812.

Mr. and Mrs. Speer are the parents of twelve children. James M., born February 20, 1864, is a salesman living with his parents. Alice is the wife of William Anderson, a farmer residing near Norwalk, Iowa, and they have seven children. Andrew J., born October 31, 1867, died in 1899. Elizabeth is the wife of John Piatt, a farmer of Jackson township, and they have four children. Robert E., born October 13, 1870, is a musician traveling with a circus. Dicy is the wife of Alexander McQuie, a farmer of Penn township, who was born on the ocean while his parents were emigrating from Scotland to the United States. John C., born July 13, 1874, died August 11, 1914. William G., born August 18, 1876, and Charles Darwin, born May 12, 1878, are both at home. Adela is the wife of August Bloomquist, a farmer of Adair county, and they have five children. Blanche is the wife of Henry White, a farmer of Dallas county, and they have four children. Mabel C. is the wife of Ralph Bricker, a farmer.

Mr. Speer deserves great credit for what he has accomplished in life, for he is distinctly a self-made man. During the first eight years of his residence in this county he cleared, broke and cultivated forty acres of land. He is not only esteemed throughout the county because of his sterling qualities of manhood and the honorable part which he played for so many years in the development of the county, but is also popular, among the young and old, as he is very hospitable and pleasant. Although he is living retired from the active work of the world, he keeps well informed as to what is happening not only in his locality but in the state and nation, and his naturally keen mind and wide experience and observation make him an entertaining conversationalist. His is an old age that brings with it its distinctive enjoyment and forms a fitting close to a life of honorable achievement.

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#### ANDREW J. SHAFFER.

The birth of Andrew J. Shaffer, a well known farmer of section 7, Douglas township, occurred in Switzerland county, Indiana, on the 15th of April, 1845, and his parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Shaffer. The father, who was born on the 18th of February, 1800, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, removed to Indiana when conditions were those of the frontier and resided upon rented farms until 1855, when he and his family made the trip overland to Madison county, Iowa, being seven weeks on the way. They settled in Madison township, eight miles from Winterset, and after living there for about a decade, removed to a farm in Douglas township which the father had purchased. Mr. Shaffer died at the home of our subject on the 12th of February, 1891. He suffered to the full extent the privations and hardships of pioneering on the desolate

open prairies. His first residence in this county was but a log house with the chink holes stuffed with hay, and the severe winters occasioned much suffering, but he persevered and did his part in the development of the county. His wife was a native of the Hoosier state, born in 1814, and passed away on the 25th of September, 1868.

Andrew J. Shaffer, who is one of a family of ten children, attended the early schools in Indiana and Madison county, Iowa, which were held in log schoolhouses and which were primitive in every respect. The seats were peg stools and the desks were but six inches wide, while the curriculum embraced little beyond the three Rs. As there was a large family and as it was a struggle to make a living, our subject began to work upon his uncle's farm when but nine years of age, and thus partly provided for his own support. He rode one horse and drove the three others hitched to the plow, using a jerk line, and for one month's work received a dollar. He purchased a vest with his money and kept it for many years after he reached manhood. When a boy of twelve or thirteen years he often went with his uncle and other men to hunt deer and turkeys, and at times killed some of the game himself. While still in his teens he hauled provisions from Des Moines and Oskaloosa; he drove hogs on foot to Grinnell at a time when there was not even a railroad in Des Moines; and when seventeen years of age he hauled logs cut from timber land on what is now the Iowa state fair grounds at Des Moines. The logs, which were used to make bridge materials for the railroads that were building into Des Moines, were so heavy that five yoke of oxen were required to haul them. At that time Des Moines was only a small village and few could foresee its rapid growth and development. In 1866 Mr. Shaffer began farming for himself in this county and in 1882 he bought his present farm on section 7, Douglas township. It comprises sixty acres and is in a high state of cultivation, while all of the buildings are kept in the best of repair. He is practical in his methods and the sale of his crops yields him a gratifying annual income.

On the 10th of March, 1868, the marriage of Mr. Shaffer and Miss Margaret Cowden was solemnized. She was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, May 6, 1848, a daughter of David and Sarah Ann (Acheson) Cowden. The father was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of March, 1817, and the mother on the 5th of November, 1827, in Guernsey county, Ohio. The father's birth occurred just twenty-four days after his parents had emigrated to this country from Scotland. When a young man he began farming in Guernsey county, Ohio, and resided there until 1857, when he and his family came overland to Madison county, Iowa. Conditions were then distinctly pioneer and there were but few settlers. A number of times the lives of his wife and daughter were endangered and there were many privations to be endured. Mr. Cowden became the owner of land in Page county in addition to his holdings in this county, which comprised one hundred acres. General farming and stock-raising claimed his time and he was highly esteemed in his community. He was an active republican and took a good citizen's interest in everything relating to the public welfare. He was one of the charter members and organizers of the First United Presbyterian church in Jackson township and contributed liberally to the support of that organization. He passed away on the 9th of December, 1895, but is survived by his widow, who still resides in Jackson town-

ship. To their union were born ten children, of whom the wife of our subject is the eldest.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have been born four children, as follows: Effie Bell was born January 14, 1872, and died January 7, 1895. Bert Dayton, born October 29, 1875, is a farmer in Montana. He married Miss Emily White and they have two children, Ora J., and Mildred L. Clarence M. was born March 27, 1877, and died June 13, 1892. Clyde C., born March 19, 1882, is a successful young farmer of this county. He married Miss Edith Wray and their children are Hazel M. and Dorothy E.

Mr. Shaffer is loyal in his support of the democratic party, voting for its candidates and measures. He has always been active in the United Presbyterian church and contributed to the building fund of the local church of that denomination, which is situated near Pitzer, in Jackson township. He finds his greatest pleasure in the society of his family and friends, and his fine qualities of character insure him the respect of all who come in contact with him.

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#### GEORGE W. MYERS.

George W. Myers, a farmer of Douglas township, is a native of Butler county, Ohio, born June 2, 1862. His parents, Charles and Huldah (Whittaker) Myers, were also born in the Buckeye state, the father on the 20th of July, 1828, and the mother on the 10th of July, 1833. As a young man Charles Myers was employed as a bookkeeper in a store in Ohio but later turned his attention to general farming, cultivating land in Butler county. In 1865 he removed to Illinois, taking up his residence in Woodford county, where he also farmed. In 1883 a removal was made to the vicinity of Lexington, Nebraska, which remained his home until his death, which occurred on the 3d of July, 1908. Upon first settling in that state conditions were quite primitive and his first home there was a sod house. He was a republican in his political allegiance but held no office other than that of assessor, as his private affairs demanded his entire attention. Two of his brothers were members of Ohio regiments in the Civil war. Of the eight children born to him and his wife, George W., who is the fifth in order of birth, is the only one residing in this county. One lives in Oklahoma, one in British Columbia, one elsewhere in Canada, one in Kansas, one in Montana and one in South Dakota. All are engaged in farming with the exception of one. The mother survives at the age of eighty-one years and makes her home with her children.

As a boy George W. Myers attended the district schools of Illinois and there mastered the fundamental branches of learning. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age and then became a farm hand in Illinois. In 1894 he removed to Jackson township, this county, and began farming on his own account. In 1911 he purchased one hundred and three acres of good land in Douglas township, where he has since made his home. He has spared neither time nor energy in the improvement of his place, which is one of the well improved farm properties of his locality, and his labors as a general farmer and stock-raiser have yielded him a good income.

In 1898 the marriage of Mr. Myers and Miss Clara Hawk was celebrated in this county. Mrs. Myers was born in a log cabin in Webster township, a daughter of John and Ellen (Tapper) Hawk, the former born in Pennsylvania on the 14th of October, 1839, and the latter in the vicinity of Stockholm, Sweden, on the 27th of April, 1850. In early life Mr. Hawk devoted his energies to farming. Leaving Pennsylvania as a boy, he removed to La Salle county, Illinois, where he was married, but in 1864 he went to Kansas, where his wife died, leaving two children. He then returned to Illinois and began over again, having lost everything in Kansas. In 1870 he removed to Webster township, this county, and located near Winterset. At that time there was no railroad in Winterset and there were many evidences that the county had only been settled by white people about two decades before. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and was quite successful in those connections. He was not active in political affairs, but was quite prominent in the Evangelical Association of Madison county and was a charter member of that denomination at Maple Grove, Webster township. While living in Illinois he was a member of the Church of God. He passed away in Jackson township, where he owned land. He was married a second time and was the father of seven children, Mrs. Myers being the second in order of birth of those born to the second union.

To Mr. and Mrs. Myers has been born a daughter, Elsie Naomi, whose birth occurred in Webster township on the 20th of November, 1902. She is now attending district school. Mrs. Myers is missionary superintendent of the Sunday School Association of Madison county and was for some time superintendent of the Maple Grove church. That organization is a part of the Des Moines conference and she has attended several conventions and taken an active part in the Missionary Society of the Evangelical church. Both she and Mr. Myers are widely known in the county and wherever known are held in high esteem, as their traits of character are such as invariably command respect.

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#### JOHN F. JOHNSTON.

John F. Johnston is well known in financial circles, being the proprietor of a private bank known as J. F. Johnston's Bank of St. Charles. He also owns a tract of good land in this county, the operation of which he supervises. He is a native of the county, born in South township, November 15, 1853, a son of Jehu M. and Hester (McKeown) Johnston, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

John F. Johnston was reared in this county, attended the public schools, and when still in his teens entered the stock business. When but seventeen years of age he became associated with his father, who was an extensive buyer, feeder and shipper of stock, and our subject thus gained much valuable business experience. Upon turning his attention to other lines he entered the drug business, in which he continued for a year. For the past forty years, however, he has been actively engaged in stock-raising and stock-shipping, and has also become active as a money-lender. In 1900 he entered the banking field and in 1901 established his present bank to handle an increasing volume of business,

which is known as J. F. Johnston's Bank and which possesses in great degree the confidence of the community. He now leaves the actual work of the farm to others, although he still directs its operation, but for many years he has been one of the largest shippers of hogs in this section of the state, a business to which he still devotes the greater part of his time. He also served for some years as live stock agent for the Des Moines & Kansas City Railway in this locality.

Mr. Johnston was married in June, 1876, to Miss Louisa Coltrane. Her father, Samuel Coltrane, was a native of South Carolina. He was married in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1839, to Elizabeth Allen, and subsequently removed, first to Warren county, and later to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here in the late '60s. Mr. Coltrane followed farming in both counties and was actively engaged in agricultural work until his demise, which occurred in 1887 when he was seventy-one years old. His wife died in 1892 at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Johnston was reared in this county and attended the public schools here. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, Carrie E., gave her hand in marriage to C. C. Williams, cashier of J. F. Johnston's Bank.

Mr. Johnston is a republican, having supported that party since he became of age. Fraternally he is connected with Model Lodge, No. 315, A. F. & A. M., and with the Eastern Star, of which his wife is also a member and in which they have both held office. They are also both consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Johnston is a public-spirited citizen, who has the faith and confidence of all who know him. His recreation, as he calls it, is the buying and selling of stock, and he is today one of the best known and best posted men in that business in his section of the state. Success has attended his venture in the banking world and his business is housed in the Johnston block, a two-story structure which he erected and owns, the upper story being devoted to office and lodge rooms. He also owns three other business and five residence properties in St. Charles; is well informed as to local real-estate conditions and has invested most wisely, his properties yielding him a gratifying addition to his income. He is thoroughly reliable and upright in all of his dealings and his sound business judgment insures wise management of his interests and the safety of the funds intrusted to his care.

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#### EDGAR HARRELL.

Edgar Harrell, a representative and prosperous agriculturist of Madison county, is the owner of four hundred and eighty acres of valuable farm land in Scott and Walnut townships. His entire life has been spent in this county, his birth having occurred on his father's farm in Scott township on the 19th of September, 1864. The period of his minority was passed under the parental roof, and in the acquirement of an education he attended the country schools and the schools of Winterset. When he had attained the age of twenty-one years he began the cultivation of a tract of eighty acres in Lincoln township, which had been given him by his father, but he did not live thereon and at the end of



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three years disposed of the property and bought one hundred and twenty acres of improved land on section 32, Scott township. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase and now owns three hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land on section 32; a tract of eighty acres on section 20, Scott township; and also eighty acres in Walnut township. The property is well improved in every particular and his undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying and well merited measure of success, so that he has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of the community.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Harrell chose Miss J. E. Hircock, who was born in Scott township, this county, on the 2d of October, 1865. Extended mention of her parents, William and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Hircock, is made on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of John W. Beem, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Harrell. To our subject and his wife have been born eleven children, as follows: Elmira, the wife of Glen Newton, of Lincoln township, by whom she has two children, Wayne and Lois; Omer Ellsworth, who wedded Miss Bessie Thompson, of Walnut township, and has one child, Katherine; Ada Elizabeth, the wife of J. W. Wilson, of Nebraska, by whom she has one child, Dorothy; Edmund Basil, who married Miss Millie Brady, of Scott township, and has two children, Paul and Margaret; Flora May, the wife of Henderson McDonald, of Scott township, by whom she has two children, Edgar and Thais; Nellie, who died in infancy; and William Lee, Charles Gayland, Ernest Glen, Nora Leota and Mary Margaret, all at home.

Mr. Harrell gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has ably served in the capacity of school director. Both he and his wife have always lived in this county and have a host of warm friends who esteem them highly.

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#### JOHN G. MOORE, JR.

John G. Moore, Jr., is living retired upon his farm in Douglas township, this county. He was born in 1849, in Monroe county, New York, a son of John G. and Elizabeth (Axe) Moore, both of whom were born near Bremen, Germany, the father in 1825 and the mother in 1830. Following his marriage, in early life, John G. Moore, Sr., came to the United States, settling in Monroe county, New York. He bought land near a thriving town and devoted his life to truck gardening. He became a naturalized citizen of the United States and cast in his interests with those of his adopted country.

John G. Moore, Jr., was the second child in a family of five and acquired his education by attending the district schools of his native county. When a youth of eighteen years he left home and went to Henderson county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand for a short time. In 1868 he removed to Madison county, Iowa, and entered the employ of Joe Graham, breaking land and doing other things as well. In 1871 he began farming for himself and has since followed that occupation, save for the years 1896 and 1897, which were spent on a horse ranch in Dallas county, this state. At one time he went to

Nebraska but conditions were unusually bad and he did not remain long. It was necessary, among other discouragements, to haul wood thirty-six miles. He has carried on general farming on his land in Douglas township, this county, and under his able management his eighty acres have yielded him a good annual income. In addition to cultivating the usual crops he raises a good grade of Poland China and Duroc Jersey hogs. Since 1904 he has to a large extent lived retired.

In 1871 Mr. Moore married Miss Nancy J. Peed, who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, the eldest in a family of three children. While she was still a child her parents removed to this county and she went to school in the first schoolhouse built in Douglas township. Before that time she attended school held in the homes of the settlers. She witnessed the events of the early days in the history of the settlement of this county and has lived to see a change that is little short of miraculous. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore was born a daughter, Katie M., whose natal day was the 25th of September, 1872. She gave her hand in marriage to George H. Reinert, who was at one time editor of the *Star Journal* at Ainsworth, Nebraska, but who is now operating a cattle ranch in Brown county, that state. Mrs. Reinert passed away in 1899, leaving two children: Leo M., born in July, 1894, and George B., born April 15, 1899. Both have made their home with our subject and his wife since the death of Mrs. Reinert. George B. Reinert is now a high-school student at Dexter. Mrs. Moore has always taken a great interest in church work and her daily life is the expression of her religious faith.

Mr. Moore has supported the republican party since attaining his majority and has served upon the school board, doing much in that capacity for the good of the local public schools. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church and during the many years that he has resided in this county he has made a host of friends, who honor him for his manly qualities of character.

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#### S. G. HOENESS.

S. G. Hoeness, a general stockman and farmer of Jackson township and one of the leaders in Sunday school work in the county, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 28th of February, 1880, but in his childhood accompanied his parents to this country, the family home being established in McLean county, Illinois. He attended district schools there, and following the removal of the family to Jackson township, this county, continued his education in the public schools here. He remained at home, assisting his father, until 1904, when he began farming for himself, operating a nearby farm until 1908, when he began the cultivation of land which he had purchased in 1907. His farm comprises one hundred acres and is a well improved and valuable place. He raises stock in addition to the production of the usual grains, and as he is up-to-date and energetic and has no outside business interests to claim his time, he derives a good income from his land.

In 1904 Mr. Hoeness was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Comp, a daughter of Joseph Comp, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Hoeness have two children: Lloyd Comp, who was born on the 18th of February, 1906; and Harry Eugene, whose birth occurred on the 11th of September, 1908. Both the sons are attending school.

Mr. Hoeness is an adherent of the prohibition party, but is altogether without political aspirations. In general civic affairs, however, he is very active and progressive and he was one of the organizers of the lyceum at Pitzer. He is also a member of the Madison County Chautauqua Association, believing heartily in all that seeks to provide educational facilities and wholesome recreation. He holds membership in the United Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder. For seven years he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school and in 1914 was elected president of the Madison County Sunday School Association. He has also been delegate to state Sunday school conventions. He is convinced of the need of greater cooperation among farmers and indorses the work of the Farmers Mutual Association, of which he is a member. Although he is yet a young man, he has accomplished much for himself and his community along various lines, which is an earnest of the achievements yet before him.

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### SAMUEL S. SWITZER.

Samuel S. Switzer, of St. Charles, member of the firm of Switzer & Anderson, who conducts one of the large stores of the county, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, on the 14th of October, 1858, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Lowry) Switzer, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Both families settled in the Keystone state in the early days of our country's history and were well known in their locality. Samuel Switzer removed to Ohio upon leaving his native state, but about 1848 came to Des Moines county, Iowa, whence two decades later he removed with his family to Clarke county. He was a successful farmer and stock feeder and accumulated a competence. He passed away in 1886, having survived his wife for five years. He was almost sixty-seven years of age at the time of his demise and she was about fifty-eight when called to her reward. She was a true Christian woman and a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of eight sons and three daughters, of whom five sons and one daughter are living. The subject of this review is the only one residing in Madison county. Two live in Clarke county, Iowa; one in Missouri, one is a railroad man in Wyoming, and a sister resides in Idaho.

Samuel S. Switzer was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents to Clarke county and continued his education in the public schools there. From 1879 until 1882 he was telegraph operator for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, and upon severing his connection with that corporation he entered the employ of the Narrow Gauge railroad and was assigned to St. Charles as agent and telegraph operator. He at length decided to seek other fields of endeavor, resigned his position with the railroad company, and in No-

vember, 1885, was appointed postmaster of St. Charles, serving for three and a half years. He also started a grocery store as a member of the firm of Stiffler & Switzer. In 1889 Mr. Lawhead was admitted to a partnership and in 1892 Mr. Switzer sold out, but in the following year began business as senior member of the firm of Switzer & Fleming, which continued until 1898, when Mr. Fleming sold to Mr. Horton. Business was conducted under the firm name of Switzer & Horton until 1902, when H. P. Anderson became the partner of our subject, and the present firm of Switzer & Anderson came into being. They conduct one of the largest general stores in Madison county and their trade is increasing from year to year, as their honorable methods enable them to hold custom once gained. They take great pains to keep their stock fresh and attractive, and as their goods are selected with a view to meeting the needs of their community, they are justly accounted among the progressive merchants of St. Charles.

Mr. Switzer was married in 1883 at St. Charles to Miss Hester J. Johnston, a daughter of J. M. Johnston, a well known stockman of St. Charles. She was reared and received her education here. To Mr. and Mrs. Switzer have been born three sons and four daughters: Ray, who is in his father's store; Beryl; Edith, deceased; Philip, the present postmaster of St. Charles; and Nevin V., Dorothea and Ruby, all at home.

Mr. Switzer is a democrat and for several terms was a member of the town council. Fraternally he is well known in local Masonic circles, having belonged to the order for many years. He has served several times as master of Model Lodge, No. 315, of St. Charles, and holds membership in Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., of Winterset. Both he and his wife belong to Model Chapter, No. 174, O. E. S., of St. Charles, of which she is past worthy matron. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and can be relied upon to further all good causes. Mr. Switzer is justly highly esteemed in his community, having at all times measured up to the standards of honor as man, merchant and citizen.

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#### F. L. COCHRAN.

F. L. Cochran, a representative of agricultural interests in Grand River township, was born on the Cochran homestead, in that township, on the 10th of February, 1877, a son of Wesley and Elizabeth (Hamblin) Cochran, an account of whose lives will be found elsewhere in this work. He was reared under the parental roof, and, in addition to attending the public schools, assisted with the farm work, thus gaining valuable knowledge concerning practical methods of agriculture. After his marriage he began farming for himself upon land which his father gave him. His farm comprises two hundred and forty acres in Grand River township. He follows general farming and stock-raising and as he manages his affairs well and is industrious and progressive he is meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Cochran married Miss Mate Ethel Terry, a native of Greene county, Iowa, and they have four children, Elizabeth, Pauline, Dorothy and Wesley

Wallace. He casts his ballot in favor of the candidates of the democratic party, as its principles coincide with his political belief. He has earned a place among the prosperous and wide-awake farmers of his township.

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### W. C. NEWLON.

W. C. Newlon, who was for a number of years a real-estate dealer in Winterset, was born in Ohio, in 1837, a son of Nathan and Eliza (Winder) Newlon, both natives of the Keystone state. The father, who was by trade a carpenter, settled in Louisa county on his removal to Iowa, but in 1854 came to Madison county and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government. He was a leading member of the United Presbyterian church and his daily life testified to the sincerity of his faith. When he passed away in Union township his demise was regretted by many who held him in warm regard.

W. C. Newlon was the third child in a family of seven and was reared under the parental roof, attending the district schools in the acquirement of an education. On the 21st of May, 1861, he answered Lincoln's call for troops and enlisted in Company G, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being one of the first men to join that company. He was soon promoted to the rank of first sergeant and proved a gallant soldier. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and at the battle of Hatchie received a serious wound that necessitated the amputation of his leg. On the 6th of April, 1863, he was honorably discharged and returned home, and from that year until 1865 he was deputy provost marshal. He then became a real-estate dealer in Winterset. He owned some excellent farming land but never gave much attention to agriculture, being more interested in his real-estate business. He was an excellent judge of realty, especially farm properties, and transacted a large volume of business annually. In 1881 he was elected county clerk, and for four years performed the duties of that office in a manner satisfactory to his constituents and creditable to himself. His demise, which occurred in 1892, deprived the city of one of its successful business men and there were many who realized that they had lost a true friend.

In 1863 Mr. Newlon married Miss Lydia A. Philbrick, a daughter of Dr. David H. and Drusilla (Knight) Philbrick, natives, respectively, of Vermont and Kentucky. Dr. Philbrick attended school in the Green Mountain state, but in his young manhood emigrated to the west, settling in Illinois. He was married in that state and there practiced the medical profession, for which he had made thorough preparation. In 1853 he removed to Winterset and became the owner of the first drug store in the city, having turned his attention to that business when the condition of his health prohibited his further practice. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church.

Mr. and Mrs. Newlon became the parents of nine children. Charles C., who was born in 1864, is now engaged in the hardware and implement business at Heyburn, Idaho. He is married and has two children, Fitzroy and Margaret. Frank D., born in 1865, is engaged in the grocery business at Melcher, Iowa. He is married and has two sons, Robert and Clark. Edgar A., born in 1867, is

now cashier of the Great Falls (Mont.) National Bank. Milo C., who is in the monument and fancy tile business at Bakersfield, California, is married and has a son, John E. Carrie gave her hand in marriage to W. E. Shambaugh, of Lee township. George G. is now in the insurance business in Missoula, Montana. Lida R. is the wife of Philip Wilkinson, county attorney of Madison county, who is residing in Winterset. Will C. is now a resident of Leadville, Colorado. Mary, the youngest of the family, is the wife of C. R. Green, county auditor, and they have a son, Willard.

Mr. Newlon was a republican and was quite active in working for the success of his party. He was connected with the Baptist church and gave liberally to the erection of the new house of worship. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic, and in all relations of life measured up to as high standards as he did when in his young manhood he joined the ranks of the "boys in blue."

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#### A. W. WILKINSON.

A. W. Wilkinson, of Winterset, has not only gained a high position at the bar of the county as an able attorney but has also an enviable reputation as a judge, having served on the district bench for sixteen years. He was born in Scott township, this county, on the 22d of November, 1848, and an account of his parents is given in the sketch of W. S. Wilkinson, which appears on another page of this work.

Our subject was educated in the district schools and at Winterset Academy, taking what would now be termed a high-school course. He became a surveyor and civil engineer and for three years held the office of county surveyor. However, he decided that the law offered the most attractive field for his life's work and he accordingly prepared for the legal profession and was admitted to the bar in 1872. The year following he went to California and was employed as a civil engineer and teacher for about two years. On the 1st of January, 1875, he returned to Winterset and opened a law office here. He was spared the dreary waiting for clients that is so often the lot of the young attorney and as he handled successfully the cases entrusted to him his practice grew steadily. In 1882 his ability was recognized by election to the office of district attorney for the fifth judicial district of Iowa, which then included Polk county. He served one term of four years and displayed such a thorough knowledge of the law that in the fall of 1886 he was elected district judge and was reelected a number of times, holding the office in all for sixteen years. He was an excellent jurist, maintaining the dignity of the court, expediting the course of the law by wise rulings and, above all, maintaining an absolutely impartial attitude of mind. His decisions possessed the merits of lucidity, simpleness and purity of style and his ability commanded the respect of the profession and the general public alike. Following his service as judge he returned to the general practice of law and won additional laurels in that field.

Mr. Wilkinson married Miss Ellen R. Davis, who was born in Hamilton, Ohio, and whose parents became early settlers of Burlington, Iowa. They both



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died when she was quite young. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson had six children. Lina, the eldest, is at home. Maud is now the wife of Major Parker, U. S. A., who is stationed in the Philippines. By a former marriage she has two children, Beatrice and Florence. Ralph R. received his elementary and preparatory education in the Winterset schools and his professional training in the Ohio Medical College. He took first honors in competitive examinations in both the Jewish and German Deaconess Hospitals of Cincinnati and served as an interne, thus gaining much valuable experience. He is now on the staff of the Jewish Hospital of that city. He married Miss Grace Scott and they have one child, Jean. Philip R. entered the law department of the State University of Iowa after completing his course in the Winterset high school and also studied in the law school of Drake University at Des Moines. Since 1902 he has been associated with his father in the practice of law at Winterset and in 1914 was elected prosecuting attorney of Madison county. He married Miss Lida Newlon and they have a daughter, Helen. Ruth became the wife of B. F. Buffington and passed away, leaving a daughter, Betty, who makes her home with her grandparents. Jack is in the employ of the Register and Leader of Des Moines.

Mr. Wilkinson is a republican and his advice carries weight in the local councils of his party. He has been a Mason for many years, holding membership in Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset; Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., also of Winterset; in Temple Commandery, No. 4, K. T., of Des Moines; and in Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, S. P. R. S. He is connected with the financial circles of Winterset as a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of this city. He has been honored with important positions of public trust and has at all times proved worthy of the confidence reposed in him and has so ordered his life that those who know him most intimately entertain for him the highest respect and warmest regard.

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#### M. O. BRADY.

M. O. Brady, who is successfully engaged in general farming on section 5, Monroe township, was born in Gentry, now Worth, county, Missouri, on the 5th of February, 1856. The father, Robert Brady, was born in Tennessee, and when but three years of age was taken by his parents to Andrew county, Missouri, later becoming a resident of Gentry county, that state. He was a farmer, and some time after the birth of our subject removed with his family to Daviess county, Missouri, where he purchased land, which he continued to operate until his demise. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Stites and was a native of Missouri, passed away in Daviess county. The paternal grandfather of our subject was John Brady, who was born in North Carolina, of Scotch and Irish descent. He, too, spent his last days in Daviess county, Missouri.

M. O. Brady was reared in his native state and there attended the district schools. When eighteen years old he made a trip to Iowa, driving hogs, and received for his labor fifty cents a day and board. During the journey he was often compelled to sleep out of doors at night, and one night when sleeping in a

strawstack in Ringgold county, this state, he suffered severely from the cold. The year following he came to Madison county, Iowa, and for several years worked by the month upon farms. He then followed agricultural pursuits on his own account and more than a quarter of a century ago purchased the Aikin farm in Monroe township, comprising eighty-two acres. He began to improve his place immediately and as the years passed remodeled some of the buildings and also erected a number of others, providing shelter for his stock, granaries for the storage of grain and sheds for protecting his farm implements from the weather. His residence is a commodious and comfortable structure, and everything about his place is in good condition. He purchased more land, but has sold that, his farm now comprising only the eighty-two acres which he first purchased and ten acres of timber. He not only cultivates the usual crops but also raises live stock, and both branches of his activities are profitable.

Mr. Brady married Miss Emma Belle Aikin, who was born in Davis county, Iowa. Her parents, Louis and Mary Aikin, subsequently settled in this county and formerly owned the farm now in the possession of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Brady have five children: Ora, who is farming in Webster township; Minta Fay, the wife of M. A. Cox, of Macksburg; Millie, who married Bob Harrell, of Morgan, Minnesota; Eva, who gave her hand in marriage to Daniel Silverthorn, a farmer of Monroe township; and Cleo, at home.

Mr. Brady is a republican and has been elected to various township offices, including that of county supervisor, which he held for six years. He is a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset; Grand River Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., of Macksburg, and the Modern Woodmen of America at Macksburg. He has lived in conformity with high moral standards and his sterling worth has caused him to be held in high estimation by his fellowmen.

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#### FRED L. BISSELL.

Among the well known and highly esteemed farmers of Jackson township is Fred L. Bissell, who was born in that township on the 4th of August, 1861, a son of Orrin B. and Caroline L. (Lattin) Bissell, natives of Portage county, Ohio, and Trumbull county, Ohio, respectively. The father farmed in the Buckeye state for some time, but in the early '50s he removed to Madison county, Iowa. More extended mention of him appears in the sketch of Elmer E. Bissell.

Fred L. Bissell, as a boy, attended the district schools of Jackson township, and some idea of the primitive nature of the schoolhouses and furniture may be gathered from the fact that the building was of logs and the seats at first but rude benches, although later pine seats were provided. When twenty-one years of age Mr. Bissell became a teacher in the country schools and continued to follow that profession until he began farming on his own account. At one time he proved up on a claim in Dakota and at the same time taught school, but practically all of his life has been spent in his native county, and the greater part of the time he has concentrated his energies upon farming. He raises

pure-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs, most of which he sells to other farmers in this county, and his stock has a deservedly high reputation. His energy and initiative have been potent factors in his success, and his sound business judgment enables him to so manage his financial interests that his resources increase from year to year.

Mr. Bissell was married in 1883 to Miss Fannie A. Bissell, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Samuel and C. Emelia (Sikes) Bissell, the former born in Massachusetts in 1797 and the latter in Connecticut in 1828. The father, who was a minister of the Presbyterian church, was principal of the Twinsburg (Ohio) Institute, a private academy. He was a graduate of Yale and was not only a thorough scholar himself, but also a forceful teacher, and the school of which he was for many years the head was a well known educational center. His wife was for about twelve years a preacher and was a highly educated woman. Rev. Bissell died in Twinsburg, Ohio, in 1895, and his widow passed away in this county two years later. The wife of our subject was their only child. She is one of the valued members of the Church of Christ in Jackson township, known as the Early chapel, and is one of the workers in its Sunday School.

Mr. Bissell has no political aspirations and is very retiring in disposition, seeking to avoid publicity. The work of cultivating and improving his quarter section of fine land leaves him no time for outside interests, but in doing well the work that lies closest at hand he is not only gaining individual prosperity but is also contributing to the wealth and the agricultural development of his county.

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#### WILLIAM H. WEEKS.

William H. Weeks, who died on the 24th of March, 1915, owned and operated a farm in Monroe township. He was born in Coles county, Illinois, on the 25th of March, 1837, a son of George W. and Lovina Weeks, natives of Kentucky and early settlers of Illinois. The father, who farmed during his active life, resided with our subject for a number of years previous to his demise, which occurred in this county.

William H. Weeks grew to manhood in the Prairie state but following his marriage came to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here in 1862. He purchased eighty acres of unimproved land, to the development of which he gave his entire time and attention. As his resources increased he bought other land until he owned two hundred and forty acres, all under cultivation, from which he derived a good income. His wife still lives upon the farm where they located more than fifty years ago and during that time they witnessed a great transformation in the county. Mr. Weeks was one of the factors in the agricultural development of his township and the competence which he gained was fully deserved.

Mr. Weeks was married in Missouri to Miss Mary Davis, who was born in that state in 1842 and is a niece of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America. To this union ten children were born. Alva B., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary E., who died when a young woman; William E., Edgar, Henry and C. C., all residents of Colorado; May, the wife of L. A. Pinckney, of Grand River township; Blanch, the wife of Hilton Powers,

who is operating the Weeks farm; Alta, the wife of E. J. Tilton, of Monroe township; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Weeks was a republican but never aspired to political preferment. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church, to which his widow also belongs, and they sincerely endeavored to guide their lives by the teachings of Christianity. He held in full measure the respect and goodwill of all those who came in contact with him and his personal worth was universally acknowledged.

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#### WILLIAM OSCAR CREGER.

William Oscar Creger, one of the most prominent farmers and stockmen of Ohio township, is a native of this county and has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the community in which he resides. His birth occurred on the farm which he now owns and on which he makes his home, on the 31st of August, 1866. His parents, Samuel M. and Rebecca J. (Reed) Creger, were born, respectively, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, April 18, 1831, and in Carroll county, that state, on the 15th of September, 1840. His paternal grandparents, John and Mahala (Moffitt) Creger, were both born in the east, the grandfather's birth occurring in Pennsylvania in July, 1801, and the grandmother's in Maine, on the 18th of April, 1811. A number of years after their marriage they located in Ohio township, Madison county, Iowa, where the grandfather entered land. Their son, Samuel M. Creger, also took up a claim, proving up on the farm on section 10, Ohio township, where our subject now lives. In 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Creger removed to Truro, where they lived retired until called to the home beyond, the father dying in 1903 and the mother eight years later. He enlisted on the 17th of August, 1862, in Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and rose to the rank of sergeant. He served for almost three years, being mustered out on the 24th of June, 1865, with a military record distinctly creditable to his courage and loyalty. His wife was a daughter of William and Susanna (Porter) Reed, the former born in Ireland in 1795 and the latter born in Pennsylvania in 1818, of Irish descent. In 1855 they became residents of Madison county, locating on Hoosier Prairie in Scott township, where the father farmed until his death on the 31st of December of that year. The mother subsequently married Reuben A. Kale, and following his demise became the wife of John D. White. She passed away in Truro on the 15th of February, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Creger were the parents of four children, as follows: James Theodore is the subject of a sketch which appears elsewhere in this work. Amanda E., who was born on the 12th of January, 1861, was married on the 20th of November, 1878, to T. H. Queen, and passed away on the 10th of February, 1894, leaving five children, Ora, Vernon, Glendon, Denzil, and Roxie, who died on the 28th of March, 1896. W. O., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Bradie J., who was born on the 28th of May, 1882, is also mentioned on another page of this volume. Samuel M. Creger was a republican and held all of the local offices, and fraternally was connected with the Masons and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a man who took an active part in everything that related to his community, and was most highly esteemed by all who knew him.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM O. CREGER



William O. Creger attended the district schools in Ohio township and assisted his father in the cultivation of the land which he had entered from the government. As his strength increased he was given more and more of the farm work to do, and by the time that he was grown he was a very efficient agriculturist. He has continued to devote his time to farming and stock-raising throughout his entire active life, and now owns and operates four hundred and seventy acres of valuable land in Ohio township. His home farm, which comprises a quarter section, is one of the best improved places in the township, and his residence is a commodious and attractive structure, provided with the conveniences of the twentieth century. He buys and sells both cattle and hogs, being one of the most extensive stockmen in the county, and does his own shipping, using the Chicago markets. He is an excellent judge of the value of stock and is seldom mistaken in his purchases. He also watches the market carefully, so as to sell to the best advantage, and his operations in that field of activity bring him a handsome income. He is one of the representative and substantial men of his county and has been connected with its development along many lines. He was one of the organizers of the Truro Savings Bank, and is a stockholder and director of that institution.

On the 17th of December, 1890, Mr. Creger was married by the Rev. W. W. Williams, of St. Charles, to Miss Ida Penelope Worthing, a daughter of John and Julia (Bargar) Worthing. Her father, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 16th of October, 1845, was a son of Richard and Sarah (Ingram) Worthing, and came of Welsh descent. His wife was born in Harrison county, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1846, and her parents, Abraham and Mary (Welch) Bargar, were of German and Irish stock, respectively. The marriage of John Worthing and Julia Bargar was solemnized on the 22d of January, 1867, in Guernsey county, Ohio, by Rev. J. G. Whittaker. In 1881 they came west and located in Ohio township, this county, where the father engaged in farming two miles northeast of Truro. Subsequently a removal was made to Monroe township, where he farmed for six years, after which he located in Winterset and turned his attention to the hotel business, conducting for twelve years the Worthing House, which is now known as the Arlington Hotel. At the end of that time he and his wife removed to Des Moines, where he was employed in Davidson's wholesale house. In 1914 they took up their abode in Truro, where they are now living. Mr. Worthing is a veteran of the Civil war, having served at the front in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. To him and his wife have been born nine children, all of whom survive: Ida Penelope, who was born on the 14th of December, 1867, and is now the wife of our subject; Mary Belle, born October 17, 1870; Sarah A., whose birth occurred on the 26th of October, 1872; Alta E., whose natal day was the 30th of October, 1874; Jennie M., born February 27, 1877; Abraham Bargar, born March 10, 1879; Richard Seth, whose birth occurred on the 23d of August, 1881; John Welch, born October 10, 1884; and Blanch Agnes, born January 15, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Creger have had two children: Samuel Merrill, who was born on the 13th of August, 1895, and who, after attending the schools of Truro, completed the two years' agricultural course at the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, graduating with the class of 1914, is now bookkeeper in the

Truro Savings Bank; and John Theodore, born December 13, 1904, died April 28, 1912.

Mr. Creger is a republican and is now serving as township trustee, proving an able and conscientious official. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church of Truro and both take an active part in its work. He is in the tenth year of his service as trustee and his wife is a leading member of the Ladies Aid Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Truro and his wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Order of Eastern Star and the Pythian Sisters. Their lives are well rounded and well balanced, as they have never allowed material interests to monopolize their time and energy but have realized that the development of the community along moral, civic and social lines is a matter that should be of great concern to every citizen and have cooperated gladly with many movements that have sought the general welfare.

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#### MANFORD ERASMUS SEEVERS.

Manford Erasmus Seevers devotes his entire time to farming and stock-raising, owning a tract of well improved land on section 25, Jackson township. He is a native of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Oskaloosa, October 14, 1851. His parents, George W. and Mary (Wheeler) Seevers, were natives of Coshoc-ton county, Ohio, the former born October 6, 1819, and the latter in 1826. Both are deceased, the father dying in July, 1897, while the mother preceded him in death by five years, her demise having occurred in 1892. The father was reared on a farm in the Buckeye state, but in 1841 he made his way to the middle west and first lived on the land where Oskaloosa is now situated, having made the overland trip to this place. In 1845 he returned to his native state and was there married to Miss Mary Wheeler, after which he brought his bride to this state. For many years thereafter he was identified with the farming interests of Ma-haska county, Iowa, but in 1864 he came to Madison county, settling on a tract of two hundred acres. He set out a large quantity of fruit and was engaged in the nursery business, with headquarters in Oskaloosa. He was a lover of fine horses and had some of the fastest driving stock in his part of the country, his animals being exhibited at the county fairs. Mr. Seevers was a great writer and many of his poems were published in the Oskaloosa Herald, the last he wrote being entitled My Old Elm Tree, the subject being suggested from an elm which he had planted on the public square. In 1890 he removed to Orland, California, where he made his home until the time of his death. He gave his political support to the populist party and although urged to become a candidate for various offices always declined, preferring to do his duty as a private citizen.

Manford Erasmus Seevers, who is the third in order of birth in a family of eight children, was educated in one of the old time log schoolhouses of Oskaloosa and also in the district schools of Douglas township, Madison county, and shared with the other members of the family in the hardships and privations of pioneer life. Upon starting out in life for himself he chose as his work the occupation to which he had been reared and for seven years farmed on rented land in Douglas township. He then took up his abode in southwestern Missouri,



where he spent two years, while four years were passed in logging camps and in the fishing industry in Aberdeen, Washington. In 1894 he once more took up his abode in Iowa and has since made his home in Madison county. He is now living on section 25, Jackson township, and has here a well improved farm. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of polled Durham cattle and Poland China hogs.

In 1884 Mr. Seevers was united in marriage to Miss Olive Leach, who was born in Winterset, Iowa, a daughter of John and Margaret (Shaffer) Leach, the former born in Trumbull county, Ohio, August 6, 1837, and the latter in Indiana May 20, 1835. The father emigrated to Iowa when a young man and here engaged in teaching school for a time. In 1855 he located in Madison county, where three years later, or in 1858, he was married to Miss Margaret Shaffer. He later engaged in farming here and made several trips across the plains, freighting from Omaha to Denver. He always made his home on the farm where he first located after taking up his abode in Douglas township to the time of his death, which occurred April 14, 1897. Mrs. Leach survived him for many years, passing away, July 18, 1912. Mr. Leach was a very active man and kept up with the trend of the times, always keeping on hand the most modern and improved machinery to facilitate his farm work. He and his wife were the parents of six children, Mrs. Seevers being the third in order of birth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seevers have been born two daughters. Virgie is the wife of Walter McCorkle, a farmer of Jackson township, and they have two children, Lola Kozette and Kenneth Manford. Mary Aletha, the younger daughter, is a high-school student in Winterset.

Mr. Seevers is strictly a home man, having no fraternal associations. Mrs. Seevers belongs to the West Star Methodist Episcopal church and is active in its work. The name of Seevers is one well known in Madison county and he whose name introduces this review is fully sustaining the high and honorable reputation that has always been borne by the members of the family.

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#### H. P. ANDERSON.

H. P. Anderson, of the firm of Switzer & Anderson, general merchants of St. Charles, was born December 19, 1869, at the family residence in St. Charles. His father, Dr. William M. Anderson, was for a number of years one of the leading physicians of the town and a sketch of his life appears elsewhere in this work.

H. P. Anderson was reared in St. Charles and here attended the public and high schools. Upon putting aside his textbooks he was for a time engaged in the drug business but in his early manhood also farmed and still owns land in South township, the cultivation of which he supervises. In 1902 he became the partner of Samuel S. Switzer, who has been engaged in merchandising here for many years, and in the last thirteen years the store of Switzer & Anderson has become recognized as one of the largest and best in St. Charles. The firm name is a synonym for business integrity and enterprise and as they carry a full stock and

are content with reasonable prices, the volume of their business is constantly increasing.

Mr. Anderson was married on the 15th of September, 1894, to Miss Anna Irwin, a daughter of the late Hon. Samuel Irwin, former representative from Warren county in the Iowa state legislature. He was an early settler in that county, having emigrated to America from the Emerald isle, where his birth occurred. Mrs. Anderson was born and reared in Virginia township, Warren county, and completed the course afforded by the St. Charles public schools. By her marriage she has six children, four sons and two daughters: Boyd N., who is now a medical student in the State University of Iowa; William Samuel, who was named for his grandfathers and who is teaching in the county; Gerald H., attending school; Amanda Isabell, who was named for both of her grandmothers and is also in school; Margaret Anna, likewise a public-school student; and Robert Eugene, at home.

Mr. Anderson has consistently supported the democratic party and has at all times taken a commendable interest in matters that concern the public welfare. He has the advancement of the public school system especially at heart and for twelve years or more has served upon the school board. His wife is numbered among the faithful and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has won marked success as a business man and finds the greatest pleasure in providing liberally for his family. Their residence in St. Charles is attractive and commodious and is a favorite meeting place for their friends.

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#### JAMES WALLACE SAWHILL.

James Wallace Sawhill, a farmer residing on section 33, Jackson township, was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, on the 4th of March, 1867, a son of Rev. James and Martha (Wallace) Sawhill, more detailed mention of whom is made in the sketch of John C. Sawhill elsewhere in this volume. Our subject attended the common schools of Dubuque and Madison counties, passing from grade to grade, and was later a student in the Dexter Normal School. When twenty years of age he began farming upon land which he owned in Jackson township, this county, and so continued until 1907. He then removed to Canon City, Colorado, where he owned a fruit ranch and a grocery store. Upon his return to this county he resumed farming and stock-raising and now owns two hundred and forty acres in Jackson township and a like tract in Monroe township. He is unremitting in his industry, displays good business judgment in the management of his affairs and is today recognized as one of the well-to-do men of the county.

In 1890 Mr. Sawhill was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. George, who was born in Warren county, Illinois, a daughter of William F. and Ella (Kipp) George. The father was born in Urbana county, Ohio, in 1815 and passed away in 1885. He was reared upon a farm and when twenty years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. He engaged in the mercantile business at Berwick, that state, and also owned considerable land, which he devoted to general farming and stock-raising. In 1875 he removed to Jackson township, this county, and acquired seven hundred acres of land which he operated chiefly

as a stock farm. He was a democrat and prominent in local political circles, and his religious belief was that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He passed away upon his farm in Jackson township. He was married three times and had fifteen children, eight by the third union. Mrs. Sawhill is the youngest of that family and her mother, who was born in Rome, New York, on the 27th of March, 1832, makes her home with our subject. Mr. George was opposed to the Civil war and hired substitutes for his sons who were drafted.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill have five children: Ray, who was born in 1891 and is now a senior in Colorado College at Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bessie, an alumna of the Canon City high school; and Gaylord, born June 22, 1897, George, born March 27, 1899, and Bertha, born in 1902, all at home.

Mr. Sawhill has no political aspirations but can be counted upon to further worthy public measures. He is a member in the Pitzer United Presbyterian church and while living in Canon City, Colorado, was an elder in the church there. He is widely known in his locality and as he is upright and just in all his dealings his fellow citizens entertain for him high regard and sincere respect.

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#### E. K. ANDERSON, M. D.

Dr. E. K. Anderson, a well known physician and surgeon of St. Charles, Iowa, is a native son of the town which is still his home. He was born on the 4th of August, 1867, a son of the late Dr. William M. Anderson, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. He passed the days of his boyhood and youth in St. Charles and at the usual age entered the common schools, where he received his elementary education. He continued his study at Simpson College, Indianola, and later entered the medical department of Drake University, known as the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons. In early manhood he taught school, entering that profession when he was twenty years of age. During the scholastic year of 1887-8 he taught seven and a half miles north of Winterset and was subsequently employed as teacher in various parts of Madison and Warren counties, teaching for eleven terms in one district in Pleasant Valley township, Warren county. Altogether he taught nineteen terms of school. After finishing his medical course he returned to St. Charles and opened an office, being for sixteen years actively engaged in practice here. He is well prepared for his work and, as he has maintained the mental attitude of the student, seeking always to learn more of the science of medicine, his power of quick and accurate diagnosis has grown with the years and also his ability to decide what is the most efficacious remedy in a given case. He erected a residence twenty years ago and has later added thereto, his home being now one of the most comfortable and attractive in St. Charles.

On the 7th of December, 1893, Dr. Anderson married Miss Mary F. Smith, who was born in Gilman, Illinois, a daughter of James and Persis A. (Dunwell) Smith, both deceased. The father was a butcher by trade and in 1882, on coming with his family to St. Charles, conducted a butcher shop here until his demise, which occurred on the 1st of April, 1890, when he was sixty years of age. His wife was called to her reward on the 26th of January, 1901, at the age of sixty-eight. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church here, but

while living in Illinois belonged to the Baptist church. Mr. Smith was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, but when ten years of age came to America, and Mrs. Smith was born in Vermont. They were married in Akron, Ohio, and to them were born five children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Orville D., who is engaged in the livery business in Cozad, Nebraska; Albert J., a farmer of the same place; Sophronia A., the wife of E. R. Beitzell, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mrs. Anderson. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of six children but one of whom is living, Paul Eugene, who was born in February, 1901. Donald Dunwell died in childhood and the others died in infancy. Mrs. Anderson is well known in St Charles, having resided here since she was a girl of fourteen and having for a number of years taught in Madison and Warren counties.

Dr. Anderson is a democrat and has done much work in behalf of his party. Fraternally he belongs to the county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife belongs to the Rebekahs and to the Woman's Relief Corps. She is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which the family attend, and they have the full respect and the sincere regard of the people of St. Charles, among whom they have lived for many years.

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#### SYLVESTER NEWTON TRAVIS.

Sylvester Newton Travis, a farmer and stockman residing on section 15, Walnut township, was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, on the 31st of October, 1847, a son of Martin B. and Lavina (Beyer) Travis, also natives of Pennsylvania, the latter born in Huntingdon county. The father came of Irish stock and the mother of German descent. Being left an orphan Martin B. Travis was bound out at the age of thirteen years to learn the blacksmith's trade which he followed for almost fifty years, until he was sixty-two years of age. On the 12th of October, 1855, he started west with his family and on November 3d located in Winterset, Iowa. In January, 1856, he purchased a farm in Walnut township and moved thereon, but continued to work at his trade in Winterset until 1861, after which he lived on his farm until his demise. During the summers of 1860 and 1864 he worked at his trade in Colorado, shoeing horses at the stations of the Wells Fargo Express Company for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles east of Denver. In the fall of 1864 he returned to this county and opened a blacksmith shop upon his farm, but subsequently removed his shop to Peru, where for six years he did a big business. He was not only a blacksmith but was a general mechanic and made all kinds of fine tools used upon a farm and for years dressed all of the stone burrs in the mills of Madison, Warren, Clark and Dallas counties. He passed away upon his farm on section 9, Warren township, April 14, 1879, when sixty-two years of age and was survived by his wife until June 22, 1903, her demise occurring when she was seventy-six years of age.

Sylvester N. Travis attended school in Pennsylvania, at Winterset, Iowa, and in Walnut township, this county, and under his father's instruction became proficient in blacksmithing. When twenty-two years of age he opened a shop of





MARTIN B. TRAVIS



TRAVIS FAMILY REUNION GROUP





his own in Peru, having previously worked in Winterset, but in 1887 he disposed of his business and removed to a farm on section 15, Walnut township, which he had purchased in 1880. He still lives upon that place, which now comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land, and has just bought ninety-five acres adjoining. He carries on general farming and stockraising and for eighteen years past has raised pure blooded Jersey Red hogs. He feeds both cattle and hogs for the market and derives a good profit from the sale of his stock. He has a forge upon the farm and still does all of his own blacksmithing.

On the 12th of March, 1871, Mr. Travis married Miss Mary E. Hillman, a daughter of Edmund and Ann (Donnelley) Hillman. Her father was born in New Jersey of German lineage and her mother in Pennsylvania of Irish parentage. When two years of age Mr. Hillman was taken by his parents to Preble county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. He was married to Miss Donnelley in that state and in the spring of 1841 they removed to Burlington, Iowa. In 1860 they came to Madison county, locating at Old Peru in Walnut township, where he engaged in the mercantile business. He passed away in 1880 and was survived by his widow until 1897. Mrs. Travis was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, November 10, 1844, and her entire life has been passed in this state. She served as postmistress of Peru for five years under President Harrison and extending into President Cleveland's administration and finally resigned much to the regret of her patrons.

To Mr. and Mrs. Travis have been born five children, four of whom survive. Maude is the wife of A. A. Lorimore, a railroad man of Schama, New Mexico, and they have three children, Raymond, Cecelia and Madge. Elbert died when nineteen years old. Martin Beatty, a farmer of Scott township, married Miss Nellie Hoover and they have five children, Joseph, Edith, Maude, Wilma and Sylvester. Cora Inez, the widow of Wood Dowler, has three children, Curtis, Clarke and Lucile. Lysle Edmund, who is at home with his parents, assists his father with the work of the farm and specializes in the breeding of high grade Shire horses. He married Miss Cora Benson and they have two children, Lorraine and Mary.

Mr. Travis is a republican and for two terms was the capable and popular township trustee. He has served upon the school board for two years and in that connection has manifested a sincere devotion to the welfare of the public-school system. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Peru and he is also identified with Hazel Lodge, No. 577, A. F. & A. M., of East Peru. Mr. Travis had a number of interesting experiences in his boyhood days—experiences which help us to realize the wonderful advance in civilization in the last fifty or sixty years. When thirteen years of age he was hunting cattle upon the land which now comprises his farm but which was then school land, and in the evening he came upon a camp of about two hundred Indians, who were making sugar. Naturally enough he was frightened but realized that to betray uneasiness or fear would only increase his danger and, accordingly, rode boldly straight through the camp, going slowly until he was well past it, when he spurred his horse and rode as fast as he could until he reached home in safety. He takes an added pleasure in the security and comforts of life in Madison county at the present time because his parents before him and he in his day have had a part in the mighty transformation that has substituted highly

cultivated fields, beautiful farm homes and prosperous villages and towns for the wild, unbroken prairie, with trees only, along the water courses and inhabited only by game and roaming Indians

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### SAMUEL FIFE.

Samuel Fife, eighty-four years of age, is still quite active, his mind clear, his physical powers but slightly impaired. There is scarcely a resident in Madison county who was here at the time of his arrival and his reminiscences of the early days, which appear in the historical section of this work, are most interesting, giving an adequate and comprehensive picture of pioneer times. He is now living retired in St. Charles, enjoying the esteem of young and old, rich and poor. His birth occurred in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 9, 1831, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Robinson) Fife. The father was a son of John Fife, a native of Scotland, who came with his father to the United States in the year 1766, settling in Pennsylvania. Elizabeth Robinson was a daughter of Jonah Robinson, who was born in Pennsylvania, while his father came from Ireland.

Samuel Fife spent his early boyhood under the parental roof and acquired a common-school education. He was but three years of age at the time of his mother's death and was a youth of seventeen when his father passed away. From the time he was fourteen years of age he lived with relatives, working for his board and the privilege of attending school. In other words, he has earned his own living from the age of fourteen. In the summer of 1849 he arrived in Madison county, Iowa, in company with his two brothers, David and Amos, having made the journey westward by way of the water route. They arrived at their destination in the month of December, at which time Samuel Fife was practically penniless. But he possessed industry and determination and soon found employment, working for fifty cents per day for about four years. In that way he saved money enough to enter one hundred and sixty acres of land in South township. He first entered the employ of Joel Clanton, one of the first settlers of Madison county, continuing with him until 1851, when he secured a position with George Hartman, who was the pioneer moneyed man of the settlement. Mr. Fife assisted him in laying out the town of St. Charles in the fall of 1852 and continued in Mr Hartman's employ, living in his home, up to the time of his marriage. He drove an ox team for Mr. Hartman to Burlington to get the "irons" for the first sawmill built in the township, and performed all of the work incident to the development of a frontier region. At the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in 1855, he took up his abode upon the land which he had secured and with characteristic energy began its development and improvement, transforming the wild prairie into well cultivated fields. He was thus engaged until the 17th of August, 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. He was with that command for three years, serving until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 5, 1865. The proudest day of his life was the day when he participated in the Grand Review, which occurred on the 24th of May, 1865, and was the most celebrated military pageant ever seen

on the western hemisphere. Mr. Fife participated in the Atlanta campaign and in many of the battles and engagements of that section but managed to escape without being wounded, nor was he ever taken prisoner. He was with Sherman at the time of the surrender of Joseph E. Johnston's army.

With the close of the war Mr. Fife returned to his farm and his family and again carried on agricultural pursuits for many years, but at length rented his land and removed to St. Charles in order to give his children the benefit of the city schools. He has since made his home in St. Charles and throughout the entire period has been honored as one of the representative citizens and worthy pioneers of the county.

It was in 1855 that Mr. Fife was united in marriage to Miss Frances A. White, who was born in Virginia but was reared in Indiana and came to Madison county in 1852 with a brother-in-law and sister. She died January 23, 1890, her death being deeply regretted by her many friends in this part of the state. By that marriage there were twelve children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: Nancy Anna, now the wife of Dan Swearingen; David O., who died in May, 1911, aged fifty-three years; Elizabeth, the wife of E. E. Kale, of Truro, Iowa; Alice, the wife of William A. Kale, living at Kingfisher, Oklahoma; Emily B., the wife of Charles Downs, of Ottawa, Kansas; William G.; Minnie E., at home; Homer H. C., living in Omaha, Nebraska; Nora, the wife of Walter Bumbarger, of St. Charles; and Della May, the wife of C. W. Thompson, of Lorimor, Iowa.

In his political views Mr. Fife has been an earnest republican since the organization of the party. He has held various township offices and was the first constable of his township, filling that position in 1852. Since its organization in 1858 he has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ at St. Charles and has served as elder for sixteen years. The events which have shaped the history of Madison county have made a strong impress upon his mind and he relates many interesting tales concerning the early days and the people who have guided the destiny of the county and promoted its upbuilding. He receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one of his years whose life has been honorably passed and no history of this section of the county would be complete without mention of Samuel Fife.

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#### JAMES McKIBBAN.

James McKibban, a prosperous farmer of Lincoln township, was born in Knox county, Illinois, on the 30th of August, 1858, a son of Joseph McKibban, whose birth occurred in Clinton county, Ohio. In 1854 the father removed to Knox county, Illinois, where he resided for ten years. On the 16th of October, 1864, he came to Madison county, Iowa, and settled in Lincoln township, buying six hundred and forty acres of land. The country was still rather sparsely settled and much of the work of development yet remained to be done. Mr. McKibban resided upon his farm until he retired from active life, when he took up his residence with his daughter, Mrs. Black. He passed away when nearly seventy-nine years of age, as he was born on the 9th of April, 1816, and his demise oc-

curred in February, 1895. He was married in Ohio to Miss Mary Ratcliff, a native of Clinton county, that state, who died upon the farm in Lincoln township, this county, on the 3d of May, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-two, her birth having occurred on the 29th of April, 1820. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: J. R., deceased; L. C., who resides in Macksburg, Iowa; Josiah, who has passed away; Columbus, who is living in Texas; Sylvester, deceased; James, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Andrew Macumber, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Eliza, the wife of Abner Black, of Winterset; and two who died in infancy.

James McKibban has passed his entire life upon a farm and much of his boyhood and youth were spent in this county as he was but six years of age when he accompanied his parents here. He received valuable training in agriculture through assisting his father with the work of the homestead in Lincoln township and found farming so much to his liking that he has continued to follow that occupation since arriving at years of maturity. He owns one hundred and thirteen acres of the homestead and forty acres of timber land in Monroe township and his well directed efforts are rewarded by a good income from his land. He possesses marked industry and everything about his place is kept in excellent condition, while he uses improved machinery in the various operations that constitute farming.

Mr. McKibban married Miss Sarah Rippey, a daughter of Dr. M. P. Rippey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. McKibban have six children: Ethel, who is teaching in Macksburg, Iowa; Loudon and Nelson, who are attending school in Des Moines; and Lee, Lucile and Marjorie. Mr. McKibban is a democrat in politics and takes a commendable interest in everything relating to the general welfare. He has won a large measure of success as a general farmer and has also gained the sincere friendship of many, who value highly his good opinion.

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#### LEVI S. RAY.

Levi S. Ray is a well known farmer living on section 18, South township, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Madison county. He was born September 7, 1863, in the township where he still resides, his parents being Levi and Frances (Allcock) Ray. The former was a native of Indiana and came to Madison county in 1856, when a youth of nineteen years, in company with his parents, Barnabas and Mary (Hill) Ray, who settled in Scott township, where they spent their remaining days. The paternal grandfather of Levi S. Ray was not only an enterprising farmer of the locality but was also a local minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. Levi Ray removed from Scott to South township, where he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred March 6, 1863, when he was in his twenty-sixth year, his birth having occurred September 6, 1837. His wife, who was born in Gentry county, Missouri, was a daughter of Norvil S. and Lucy (Page) Allcock. Her father was born in Virginia and in his boyhood days was bound out but ran away. After attaining his majority he was married in Virginia to Miss Lucy Page. He

and his wife walked to Kentucky. He was a great hunter and enjoyed the opportunities which the pioneer districts afforded for indulging in hunting. In 1847 he came by team to Iowa and settled where the town of Hanley now stands, at which time there were but three or four families in this section of the state. He was indeed one of the pioneer residents of the locality and took an active part in the early development and progress of the community. He became one of the first county commissioners of Madison county and was otherwise identified with its early development. He lived to the advanced age of about ninety-two years, while his wife passed away at the age of seventy-two or seventy-three. He, too, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was one of the organizers of the Elm Grove congregation. His daughter, Mrs. Ray, was reared in this county and continued her residence here until her death.

Levi S. Ray was born after the death of his father. He spent his boyhood days with his mother and stepfather, living at home until twenty years of age and then starting out in life on his own account on a rented farm in Scott township, where he remained for ten or twelve years. He then purchased his present farm, comprising forty-two acres, and he has since added to this until he is now the owner of one hundred and forty acres of rich and valuable land, which he has carefully, systematically and wisely cultivated, making it a productive tract, yielding to him a gratifying annual income. He carries on general agricultural pursuits in the raising of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and he also breeds shorthorn cattle.

On the 3d of April, 1884, Mr. Ray was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Beem, who was born in Scott township, this county, September 11, 1862. Their five children are as follows: Frank M., a resident of South township; and Fred J., Jennie L., Carl G. and Beulah E., all at home.

The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church. Mr. Ray belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen camp and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has filled several local offices, serving as township clerk, as township assessor for four years and as census enumerator in 1910. He has led an industrious life characterized by the strictest honesty and the fact that he enjoys the confidence of his fellow townsmen is indicated in his being called upon to settle several estates in the county.

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#### MATTHEW PATTERSON RIPPEY, M. D.

For many years Dr. Matthew Patterson Rippey lived in Lincoln township and was active in the practice of medicine but he is now retired and makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. James McKibban. He was born in New Jersey on the 15th of November, 1833, and is a brother of J. C. Rippey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He passed his boyhood and youth in his native state and attended school, both public and private, there and in Delaware. His excellent general education proved of value as a foundation for his professional study in the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. After completing his medical course he joined his parents, who had previously removed to Keithsburg,

Illinois. He practiced in that place for some time and then went to Missouri, conducting a drug store at Springfield. In 1874 he arrived in Madison county and found employment in a drug store in Winterset, to the management of which he devoted his time until he located upon his mother's farm in Lincoln township. He continued to reside there and to practice his profession until 1894, when he took up his residence with his daughter in Lincoln township. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a number of years ago and is quite feeble but still prescribes for some of his neighbors. He won the confidence of his colleagues as well as that of the general public and during his active years had a large and profitable practice.

Dr. Rippey was married in Keithsburg, Illinois, to Miss Isabelle Loudon, who was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, December 13, 1828. Her father, James Loudon, was also a native of Pennsylvania but her grandfather, Archibald Loudon, was born in Scotland. He emigrated to the United States and fought in the Revolutionary war. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Maloney, died when Mrs. Rippey was but four years of age. The latter, one of the oldest residents of the county, is exactly fifteen days older than "Uncle Billy" Hartsook, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and they have been neighbors for forty years.

Dr. and Mrs. Rippey became parents of six children, three of whom lived to maturity namely: Loudon Rippey, the deputy auditor of Audubon county, Iowa; Mrs. McKibban; and Dr. John H., of Kingsley, Iowa, who died in 1906.

Dr. Rippey gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. During the forty-one years that he has resided in this county he has made many warm personal friends and he is rich not only in years but in the honor and esteem of his fellow citizens.

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#### CHARLES G. SHELDON.

Charles G. Sheldon, a retired farmer of Monroe township, was born in Rupert, Bennington county, Vermont, on the 13th of January, 1840, a son of Joseph and Fannie Woodbury (Reed) Sheldon. The father, whose birth occurred in Connecticut, was a farmer by occupation, and both he and his wife passed away in Vermont. They were the parents of five children, but our subject is the only one living. A brother, M. R. Sheldon, came to Madison county in 1867 and was well known here.

Charles G. Sheldon, who was reared under the parental roof, attended the common schools and following the completion of his course taught for one year. In his youth he also learned the carpenter's trade and many times in his life has found this knowledge of benefit to him. On the 12th of August, 1861, when a young man of twenty-one years, he enlisted in Company E, Fifth Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and went with his command to St. Albans, Vermont, where they rendezvoused. They then proceeded to Fortress Monroe, where he saw the Monitor, which was derisively called "The Yankee cheese box on a raft," about a week after her encounter with the Merrimac. The company then proceeded in the march on Richmond and Mr. Sheldon remembers how severely General Mc-



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Clellan was censured for not advancing at once on the Confederate capital, although subsequent events proved the wisdom of his course. In the battle of Savage Station, in which Mr. Sheldon participated, only seven men of his company of sixty-seven lived to return from the battlefield and two of those were wounded. He was ill with swamp fever and on the retreat after the battle of Chickamauga he was compelled to fall behind with the stragglers. As there was danger of his being captured he gave a man a gold dollar for the chance to ride in his covered rig used as an ambulance and thus escaped. As he was not fit for duty on the firing line he was assigned to the convalescent hospital at Annapolis and after serving as assistant ward master was promoted head ward master of the first ward in the Camden Street Hospital at Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained until discharged. On the 24th of September, 1864, he was mustered out of the United States military service, having been with the army for three years, one month and twelve days. After the close of the war he was for some time employed by the government as carpenter on public works at Washington, D. C., receiving a wage of seventy dollars per month and rations. He was in the capital city the night that President Lincoln was assassinated and remembers vividly that terrible week. After working as a carpenter in the government employ for ten months he joined his brother on a small truck farm near Newtonville, New York, but two years later went to Laurel, Maryland, and for several years worked at his trade. In 1876 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of unimproved land in Monroe township and, having erected a small dwelling, took up his residence upon that place. He subsequently added to his farm by buying adjoining land and also became the owner of two other farms in Monroe township. He still makes his home upon his original tract but does not hold title to it, however, as a number of years since it became the property of his son Harry, who passed away two years ago. His widow still makes her home upon the place and our subject resides with her and her family. While he was an active force in agricultural circles he was known as a progressive, energetic and capable farmer and won a competence which insures comfort during his remaining days.

During the war Mr. Sheldon was married to Miss Sarah M. Davidson, who was born in Laurel, Maryland, on the 22d of March, 1847, and died on the 29th of March, 1881. Subsequently he married the widow of William Compton, at one time proprietor of the Buffalo Mills. She passed away on the 4th of August, 1889. By his first marriage Mr. Sheldon had seven children, as follows. Harry, who was born in New York, married Miss Lucy Bancroft, a native of England, by whom he had five children; Lillie, the wife of H. B. Rose, of Des Moines; Maggie, who married Elmer Berry, of Monroe township; and Elsie, Fay and Marian, all at home. Hattie, the second child born to our subject, is the wife of Rev. George Bancroft, a minister of the Evangelical Association of Lincoln, Nebraska. Fannie married Grant Alexander, of Delta, Colorado. Rose is now Mrs. R. W. Adcock, of Walnut township, this county. Sarah became the wife of William Willis, of Nebraska, and has passed away. James A. is farming in Monroe township, this county. L. A. resides in Cherokee county, Kansas.

Mr. Sheldon has been a church member for forty years and now belongs to the Evangelical Association although for a considerable time he was identified with the Methodist church. In his early manhood he belonged to the Masonic,

Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges but is not now actively connected with them. For many years he was a republican but is now a prohibitionist, having become convinced that the abolition of the liquor traffic is the most important issue facing the country. His personal habits are most exemplary, as he has never used either liquor or tobacco. For ten years he was justice of the peace and discharged well the duties devolving upon him in that connection. He has reached the age of seventy-five years and has the consciousness that his life has been well spent and that it has been a factor of value in the development of his community along both material and moral lines. He enjoys the respect of his fellow citizens, who recognize his worth.

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### JOHN F. KIRBY.

John F. Kirby, who now lives retired in his handsome farm residence in Crawford township, was there successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and is still the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of June, 1853, his parents being James and Bridget (Nolan) Kirby, natives of Ireland. They emigrated to the United States in early manhood and womanhood and took up their abode in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. By occupation the father was a miner and a merchant. In 1857 James Kirby brought his family to Iowa and the following year located on a tract of forty acres on section 17, Crawford township, Madison county, which he began cultivating. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his well directed industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase until at his death he owned three hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. He passed away on the 14th of March, 1887, and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His wife, who also enjoyed an extensive and favorable acquaintance throughout the community, was called to her final rest in March, 1901. Their children were six in number, as follows: Mary, who is the widow of John Burke and resides in Des Moines; William, deceased; Anna, who is the widow of Michael Costello and makes her home in Granger, Iowa; Margaret, who resides with and keeps house for her brother, John; James, of Union township; and John F., of this review. The parents were devout communicants of the Catholic church and reared all of their children in that faith.

John F. Kirby, who was about four years of age when brought to this state by his parents, acquired his early education in the public schools of Crawford township, this county, and later continued his studies in St. Joseph's College of Dubuque, Iowa, while subsequently he entered St. Mary's University of Baltimore, Maryland. Returning to Madison county, he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits and throughout his active business career was successfully engaged in general farming, cultivating three hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land which he still owns. He now leases the property but still lives in his handsome home on the farm, which is perhaps the finest, most commodious and most modern residence in Crawford township. A large new barn and

substantial outbuildings also adorn the place, which in its neat and attractive appearance bespeaks the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. Mr. Kirby has made many friends throughout the community and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of its prosperous and respected citizens. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Columbus.

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### CHARLES H. DEVAULT, SR.

There are many highly successful and progressive agriculturists in Madison county and among them is Charles H. Devault, who has owned and operated four hundred and forty acres in Penn township for twenty-three years. He was born in Johnson county, this state, on the 10th of September, 1850, a son of Charles and Rachel (Felkner) Devault, natives of Ohio. In 1841 the father removed to Johnson county and entered land at a dollar and a quarter per acre, upon which the family home was established. He operated his farm during the remainder of his life, dying on the 25th of May, 1883. He was survived for almost two decades by his wife, whose death occurred on the 28th of February, 1902.

Charles H. Devault was reared in Johnson county and after attending the public schools of that county and of Iowa City he became a student at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. He remained with his parents until he was of age and was then given one hundred acres of his father's land, which he operated for about five years. He then sold the place and bought land in Linn county, which he farmed for eleven years. On selling that place he came to Madison county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 33, Penn township, which he began improving immediately. Subsequently he added more land, making his aggregate holdings four hundred and forty acres, which he has developed and cultivated for twenty-three years. The land is in a high state of cultivation, the fences are durable and the buildings are all well designed and commodious. In the cultivation of the land and the care of his crops he uses practical methods of agriculture and the latest improved machinery. He raises partly thoroughbred stock, specializing in Chester White hogs, and is a prominent stockman of his township.

On the 5th of April, 1881, occurred the marriage of Mr. Devault and Miss Minerva Jane Fuhrmeister, a daughter of Charles and Emeline (Stream) Fuhrmeister, the former born in Germany and the latter in Licking county, Ohio. When but nine years of age the father was brought by his parents to America and in 1843 they located in Johnson county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood and devoted his entire life to the operation of a farm. He passed away on the 24th of March, 1885, and his widow was called to her last rest on the 10th of January, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Devault have become the parents of five children: Orange J., who is farming land belonging to his father in Penn township and is serving as assessor of that township; Albert, who was married Easter Sunday, April 4, 1915, to Miss Hazel Patterson, a daughter of Charles and Martha Patterson, of Prairie City, Jasper county, Iowa, and is now living on one of his father's farms; Martha M., who died on the 28th of February, 1913; Charles Clarence, a farmer of Penn township; and Olive Ruth, at home.

Mr. Devault is a democrat and for several years was trustee and assessor of his township. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge and to the Methodist church, associations which indicate the moral principles which govern his life. In addition to his valuable farm he has other interests, as he is a stockholder in the Citizens State Bank of Earlham. He is one of the well-to-do and representative citizens of his township and his influence has been felt not only in agricultural circles but in political, social and civic affairs.

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### THOMAS READ.

By many years of well directed labor as an agriculturist Thomas Read accumulated a competence that enabled him to spend the evening of his life in honorable retirement at Winterset. He was born in Bedfordshire, England, on the 8th of October, 1835, a son of John and Ann (Sturman) Read, also natives of England. In 1855 the family emigrated to the United States and made their way direct to Iowa, arriving at Winterset on the 8th of July. They settled upon a farm in Lincoln township, this county, the following year and for many years resided there but eventually removed to Winterset, where they lived retired until called to the great beyond.

Thomas Read grew to years of maturity and received his education in his native land, as he was a young man of twenty years when he accompanied his parents to the United States. Although at the outbreak of the Civil war he had not been in this country many years he had thoroughly identified himself with the interests of his adopted land and was convinced that the north was in the right. He therefore enlisted on the 11th of October, 1861, in Company I, Fourth Iowa Cavalry, and served with this command until mustered out on the 10th of August, 1865, at Atlanta, Georgia. Sixteen days later he arrived home and soon turned his attention to farming. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Scott township, only twenty of which was broken, and for a time he and his wife lived in a log house which was already upon the place. His first care was to break his land and put it under cultivation and as the years passed he added improvements to his place until it became one of the valuable farming properties of his locality. He erected good buildings and divided his land into fields of convenient size and beautified the grounds around his residence. As he was not only energetic but efficient, directing his labors wisely, he accumulated a competence which enabled him to retire in December, 1910, and he took up his abode in Winterset, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 2d of April, 1913. His widow still makes her home in that city.

In 1864, while home on a furlough, Mr. Read was united in marriage to Miss Ann Elizabeth Bardrick, who was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, January 5, 1847. Her father, Charles Bardrick, was a native of Bedfordshire, England, but emigrated to America in his young manhood and was married in Danville, Illinois, to Miss Caroline Neville, a native of Virginia. They settled on a farm in Sangamon county, Illinois, and there Mr. Bardrick passed away. His widow, who subsequently remarried, died in Linn county, Missouri. Following the



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death of her mother Mrs. Read came to Madison county and made her home with her grandparents, George and Ann Bardrick, who had removed here from England, settling in Douglas township in 1852.

To Mr. and Mrs. Read were born the following children. Mary J. is now the wife of J. J. Lowden, a farmer of Madison county, and they have three children: Grace, the wife of J. E. Jones; Ernest Edward; and Frank L. Mrs. Anna H. Bowlsbey is a teacher of Madison county and has two children, Edith E. and Bessie B. Charles W., a Methodist Protestant minister, now resides in Arkansas. He married Fannie Osborn and has four children, Thomas, Florence, Maggie and Mabel. Asahel is represented elsewhere in this work. John Henry, deceased, completes the family.

Mr. Read was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and for many years served upon the official board. His widow is also a member of that church and has aided in much of its work. The life of Thomas Read was such that his memory is held in the highest honor and there are many who feel that in his death they sustained the loss of a friend who was true and loyal.

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#### ASAHEL READ.

Among the native sons of Madison county who have been so well pleased with conditions that they have continued to reside here is Asahel Read, who was born on a farm on sections 21 and 22, Scott township, where he now resides. He was reared under the parental roof and was given the usual educational advantages of the time, attending the public schools and thus mastering the fundamental branches of learning. As soon as old and strong enough he began to help his father in the cultivation of the fields, the care of the crops and the feeding of the stock. The training thus received was such that upon reaching maturity he was an efficient agriculturist and after his marriage he rented land for two years in Scott township. He then bought one hundred and thirty-two acres of E. J. Spurgin, which he operated for two years and at the end of that time he sold it at a handsome profit. He then returned to the homestead and has since operated it. In 1909 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres thereof from his father and had previously bought a forty acre tract, and after fencing, tiling and improving the same he now owns one of the best stock farms in the locality. Mr. Read is progressive, alert and businesslike and manages his affairs so that his resources are constantly increasing.

In 1905 Mr. Read was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Jones, a native of this county and a daughter of Elijah Jones, who is a retired farmer residing in Winterset. This union has been blessed with four children, Nelson, Dwight, Catherine and Raymond.

Mr. Read is a republican but is entirely without political aspirations as his business affairs demand his undivided attention. In addition to the cultivation of his fields he buys and sells horses and cattle quite extensively and finds that branch of his business especially profitable. In promoting his individual success he has also contributed to the agricultural development of his county and his

honorable business methods, energy and efficiency have gained him the respect of those who have had dealings with him, while his personality is such that he has made many warm friends.

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#### LINNEAS A. CONWAY.

Linneas A. Conway, a farmer residing in Grand River township, was born in Marshall county, Iowa, on the 5th of August, 1867. His father, Lloyd N. Conway, was a native of Miami county, Ohio, born on the 20th of May, 1842. In 1859 he made the journey overland to Marshall county, Iowa, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1861, when the great need of his country caused him to enlist in Company B, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and one month. He was in the battle of Shiloh, the siege of Vicksburg and the siege of Atlanta, and on the 22d of July, 1864, at the siege of Atlanta, his left arm was shot off and the same bullet passed through his body. After his release from the hospital he would not leave but remained and came home with the rest of the "boys." He returned to Marshall county, where he owned a large tract of land, and bought and shipped stock extensively. On the 14th of February, 1868, he came to Madison county, and in Grand River township found plenty of free range, upon which he ran his cattle. He lived first in a board shanty twelve by fourteen feet and was one of the real pioneers of the township. In 1888 he began raising full blooded Galloway cattle and gained an enviable reputation as a breeder. He had quite a large herd and exhibited a number of times at Creston. He continued to deal in stock extensively and his sales were features in the stock-raising circles of the county, while he shipped many head annually. He owned six hundred acres of land in the home place and also held title to land in Nebraska, Colorado and California. At the time of his death he was residing in Orange, California, enjoying in leisure the fruits of his former toil. He assessed Grand River township, this county, for eleven years and in 1886 was a member of the board of supervisors. The republican party had in him a loyal supporter and his advice was often sought in local party councils. He helped to organize the Grand Army of the Republican post at Macksburg and was also a member of the Odd Fellows. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Miss Susannah Coate, was born on the 18th of July, 1841, and is still living. Their marriage occurred in 1861 and they became the parents of nine children, of whom our subject is the oldest.

Linneas A. Conway attended the common schools and the Macksburg high school, but when nineteen years of age left this county and went to California, working in and near Orange for three years. In 1889 he returned to Madison county and began farming, being so occupied until 1893. He then removed to Nebraska, where he owned land, and resided there until 1896, in which year he returned to this county where he lived for two years. In 1898, however, he went to Clarke county, which remained his home until 1905. He then came again to this county and has since resided here continuously. He owns three hundred and seventy-five acres of excellent land and raises thoroughbred Aberdeen Angus cattle. He is progressive in all that he does and as he is also enterprising and



energetic, his labors yield him a handsome yearly income. He is also a stockholder in the Creston, Winterset & Des Moines Railroad.

Mrs. Conway was Mrs. Mattie (Shields) Claypool. She is a daughter of Wesley and Mary (Williamson) Shields, both natives of Indiana, the former born in 1830 and the latter in 1833. Her father was one of the pioneers of Clarke county, Iowa, where he took up his residence in the early '50s. He owned a quarter section of land and engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was a public-spirited and progressive man and aided in building the house of worship of the Christian church, of which he was a member. He passed away in 1871 but is survived by his widow, who still resides at Hopeville, Clarke county. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Conway is the youngest. By a former marriage she has two children, Boyd and Floyd Claypool, and Mr. Conway by a former marriage has a daughter, Gladys, the wife of Floyd Cockerill, of Orange, California. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have become the parents of a son, Linneas A., whose birth occurred in 1910.

Mr. Conway is a standpat republican, being firmly convinced of the wisdom of the policies of the "grand old party." He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has held all of the offices of his lodge and has also filled all of the chairs in the camp. While living in Clarke county he was district deputy grand master of the order and is well known among his brethren in that organization. He is one of the substantial men of his township.

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### PETER McQUIE.

Peter McQuie, who is farming in Penn township, was born upon the Atlantic ocean in July, 1857, while his parents, Peter and Isabelle (McCulloch) McQuie, were crossing from Scotland to the United States on a sailing vessel which took seven weeks and three days to make the trip. The parents were born, reared and married in the land of hills and heather, and following their emigration to the United States located in Knox county, Illinois, where the father farmed rented land for fourteen years. In 1871 the family came to Madison county, Iowa, and Mr. McQuie bought three hundred and twenty acres on section 35, Penn township, where he erected a fine residence and other buildings. Subsequently he and his sons purchased additional land, acquiring title to six hundred and eighty acres on sections 35, 27 and 14, Penn township. He continued active in agricultural pursuits until his demise, which occurred on the 10th of September, 1904, and his wife died in January of that year. Their seven children are as follows: Alexander, who is farming in Penn township; Peter; William, who is residing in Colorado; Mary, the wife of George Junkin, an agriculturist of Guthrie county; Maggie and Jennie, who are keeping house for our subject; and Isabelle, the wife of A. L. Moore, a farmer of Penn township.

Peter McQuie acquired a public-school education and during his boyhood and youth also gave much time to assisting with the work of the home farm. During his father's lifetime he remained associated with him in business and is now operating his share of the six hundred and eighty acres which father and sons accumulated. Since it came into his possession he has improved the home-

stead considerably and has kept everything in good repair. He raises and feeds a carload of cattle per year, having for the past forty years raised many head. He is also successful in the cultivation of the land and gathers abundant crops annually.

Mr. McQuie is a democrat and is stanch in his support of that organization. His membership in the Masonic lodge and in the Christian church indicates his high moral character, and his worth has gained him the general respect of those who know him and there are many who are glad to call him friend.

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#### PETER N. BARKER.

Peter N. Barker is actively engaged in farming and stock-raising in Grand River township, of which he is a native, born October 10, 1868, of the marriage of Orlando W. and Lucy (Kivett) Barker. The father was born in Randolph county, North Carolina, on the 25th of July, 1827, and the mother in Indiana on the 30th of March, 1831. Their marriage occurred in 1840. Both passed away in Grand River township, this county, the father dying on the 25th of May, 1907, and the mother on the 2d of May, 1905. Orlando W. Barker accompanied his parents to Indiana in 1830 and resided there until 1853, when he removed westward and settled in Grand River township, this county. His father, Samuel Barker, built the first log cabin in the township. For some time Orlando W. Barker freighted from Des Moines to Eddyville and he often drove stock a long distance to market. He took up government land and became the owner of two hundred and forty acres, from which he derived a gratifying income. He specialized in the feeding of cattle and was one of the extensive stockmen of his township. He was prevented by physical disability from serving in the Civil war but there was never any question of his courage or his patriotism. He took an active part in the work of developing his locality and served as a member of the first board of supervisors which opened the first road in his township. When the Baptist church in Macksburg was built he contributed generously of his time and money to its erection and served for six years as a deacon in the church. He was known throughout the county as an honest and upright man and had many sincere friends.

Peter N. Barker attended the district schools and the high school of Macksburg and continued to reside upon the home farm until his marriage. He has prospered as an agriculturist and owns two hundred acres of excellent land, which is in a high state of cultivation. He has farmed in Grand River township during his entire life and is one of the most successful breeders of full blooded Duroc Jersey hogs in that township, raising hogs for commercial purposes only and deriving a substantial income from the sale of his stock.

On the 4th of July, 1897, Mr. Barker married Miss Flora Garrett, a daughter of Charles R. and Katherine (McGuire) Garrett, the former born in Galena, Illinois, on the 5th of November, 1842, and the latter in Indiana on the 30th of January, 1848. Mr. Garrett became a resident of Clarke county, Iowa, in 1856 and July 26, 1862, enlisted in the Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry but was discharged January 30, 1863, because of disability. On the 27th of August,

1863, however, he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company H, Ninth Iowa Cavalry, with which he served until discharged February 3, 1866. He was detailed as guard to watch cotton fields in the south but also participated in considerable fighting. Upon his return to Clarke county he farmed land which he owned until 1893, when he removed to Macksburg and conducted a mill. He was living here at the time of his death, which occurred on the 15th of January, 1914, and his widow still makes her home here. He was a republican in politics. The Grand Army of the Republic found in him a loyal and consistent member and he was justly proud of his military record. Mr. and Mrs. Barker have a daughter, Nina Opal, who was born on the 26th of December, 1900, and they are rearing and educating a boy.

Mr. Barker is independent in politics and takes an active part in public affairs, although without political aspirations. Both he and his wife belong to the Baptist church and he is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held all of the offices, and with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he has been trustee for several years. He is up-to-date and progressive in his work as a farmer and stock-raiser and the success which is rewarding his efforts is richly deserved. As a citizen he has always placed the public welfare above his individual interests and he is highly respected in his community.

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#### NOBLE W. LOEHR.

Noble W. Loehr has resided in Madison county the greater part of the time since 1862 and has been an interested observer of the great changes that have occurred here in that time. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of land in Walnut township, but makes his home with a daughter, Mrs. E. L. Richmond, of Lincoln township. He was born in Hancock county, Indiana, on the 12th of April, 1840, a son of Daniel S. and Mary Ann (Warrum) Loehr, natives respectively of Virginia and Kentucky.

The father farmed for many years and for thirty years served as bailiff in the court at Noblesville, Indiana. The mother died when our subject was only six years old and the father subsequently remarried. He too passed away in the Hoosier state. There were four children by each of his marriages but our subject is the only one to come to Iowa.

Noble W. Loehr passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state and in 1860, three days before his twentieth birthday, he left Indiana and with his father made the long and oftentimes perilous trip across the plains to the gold fields of Colorado. The father, however, was familiar with the trails, as he had made the trip the year previous. In the fall of 1860 Mr. Loehr of this review returned east, but again went to Colorado, where he remained until 1862. In that year he located in Lincoln township, Madison county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land. From that time until his retirement from active life he devoted his energies entirely to agricultural pursuits and was the owner of two different farms in Webster township. Subsequently he acquired a two hundred and eighty acre farm in Adair county. For four years he lived upon a farm in Union county, but he is now residing with his daughter, Mrs. E. L. Rich-

mond, of Lincoln township, this county. He has put aside all business cares but still owns one hundred and twenty acres of land in Walnut township.

On January 26, 1864, Mr. Loehr married in Lincoln township Miss Hope Anna Rippey, a daughter of Matthew and Sarah Rippey. She was born in New Jersey on the 7th of October, 1846, and came with her parents to this county in 1856, and passed away on the 24th of July, 1912. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Willis, who married Miss Callie Chilcoat and resides in Wyoming; Daniel, who married Miss Mary Trautwein and who is farming in Monroe township; Nora, the deceased wife of Oscar Burns, of Adair county; Willard, who married Miss Etta Reed and who now lives in Monroe township; Mary, the wife of Jesse Abbott, of Alberta, Canada; Effie, the wife of John Reimmuth, of Sacramento, California; and Lulu, now Mrs. E. L. Richmond, of Lincoln township.

Mr. Loehr is an adherent of the republican party and supports its policies with his ballot. For many years he has belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church and has ordered his life in accordance with the highest moral principles. He was successful as a farmer and deserves the period of rest and leisure that is now his.

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#### J. IRA TUCKER.

J. Ira Tucker is junior partner in the firm of Wallace & Tucker, dealers in farm implements and automobiles at Winterset. He was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, June 9, 1880, a son of John Tucker, who is now a resident farmer of Grand River township, Madison county. He attended the public schools of Grand River township. On starting out for himself he chose the occupation to which he was reared and for some time engaged in farming but at length turned his attention to commercial pursuits.

On the 8th of October, 1908, Mr. Tucker was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Cochran, a daughter of Wesley Cochran, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. It was upon her father's farm that Mrs. Tucker was born March 13, 1884. From him she inherited a nice property and she still lives upon that farm, opposite her old home, so as to be near her mother. To Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have been born four children: Ruth, Helen, Dean Cochran and Eleanor.

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#### JOHN WESLEY FULTON.

John Wesley Fulton, who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on section 21, Ohio township, is a native of Madison county, born two miles east of Truro, on the 18th of July, 1877, of the marriage of John Worthington and Nancy Ann (Bradshaw) Fulton. The father, whose birth occurred on the 4th of September, 1850, in Belmont county, Ohio, was a son of William and Elizabeth (Wilson) Fulton. The mother's parents were John Wesley and Peree (Arnold) Bradshaw and her natal day was the 27th of May, 1853. She was also a native





MRS. JOHN W. FULTON



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of the Buckeye state and was born in Tuscarawas county. When eight years of age John Worthington Fulton accompanied his parents to Madison county, Iowa, the family locating north of Winterset, in the vicinity of the present county farm. When but twelve years of age he began providing for his own support, working as a farm hand until after his marriage. He then purchased land in Ohio township, to the improvement of which he devoted four years, and on selling that place bought more land in the same township a half mile east of his first farm. After four years, or in 1882, he removed to Truro and purchased the Truro Hotel, which he conducted for seven years. He next bought a farm south of Truro, upon which he resided about twenty years, and then removed to Lorimor, Iowa, where he erected a hotel which he conducted for a short time. He returned to the farm upon disposing of the hotel and resided upon the homestead until 1907, when he took up his residence in Truro and was living there at the time of his death, which occurred on the 23d of May, 1909. His widow is still residing in Truro. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, and both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. He was a self-made man and was a valued citizen of the various communities in which he lived.

John W. Fulton of this review received his education in the schools of Truro and after putting aside his textbooks remained with his parents upon the homestead until 1890, when he was married and located upon a farm of sixty-two acres a mile south of Truro which belonged to his father. After living there for a year he removed to the old homestead south of the town, which he is operating at the present time. He rents one hundred and twenty acres of the land from his mother and owns one hundred and two acres on section 21, Ohio township. His entire time is taken up with his work as a farmer and stock-raiser and he sees that everything is kept in good repair and the plowing, planting and harvesting is done in good season. He ranks with the progressive farmers of his township and the material success that has attended his labors is well deserved.

On the 19th of December, 1890, at the home of the bride's parents, two and one-half miles north of Truro, Mr. Fulton was married by Rev. A. C. Burnham to Miss Nellie E. Leggett, a daughter of John W. and Margaret (Latta) Leggett. Her father was born in Licking county, Ohio, on the 10th of September, 1839, a son of James and Elizabeth (Younger) Leggett. James Leggett was a native of Ohio, of Yankee descent, and was a shoemaker by trade, and his wife was also born in the Buckeye state. They were married there but in 1854 came to Iowa and located in Polk county, where they lived during the remainder of their lives. Their son, John W. Leggett, enlisted on the 5th of January, 1864, at Polk City, Iowa, in the First Iowa Light Artillery and was mustered out on the 5th of July, 1865, at Davenport. His marriage occurred at Des Moines on the 13th of January, 1864. It was not until 1889 that he and his wife removed to Madison county, locating in South township, where he purchased a quarter section of land. After residing thereon for sixteen years he rented the farm and removed to Truro, where he and his wife are living retired. She is a daughter of William and Mary (Mercer) Latta, who were natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia and were married in Ohio, whence in 1854 they removed to Polk county, Iowa, where they continued to live until called to the great beyond.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have three children: Nola Grace, who was born January

10, 1902, and is attending the Truro schools; Nellie Ruth, who was born April 15, 1905, and is also attending school; and Mary Gertrude, born October 17, 1910.

For many years Mr. Fulton voted the republican ticket, but becoming convinced that it was the duty of every Christian to do everything within his power to destroy the liquor traffic and believing that the prohibition party was the best means to accomplish that end, he became a member of that organization. He is a man of much strength of character and never hesitates in doing anything that he believes to be right. Both he and his wife belong to the Christian church of Truro and he is one of the leaders in its work, having served as trustee, as a member of the board of finance, of the pastoral board and as Sunday-school superintendent, being at present clerk of the church. He believes that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit the duty has been laid upon him of holding up the Master to the people and he has erected numerous signs upon his farm on which are printed verses from the Bible and he also distributes throughout the county printed signs warning of the day of judgment and the punishment of sin. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and has belonged to the lodge of that organization at Truro for ten years. He finds that his work as a farmer and stock-raiser makes heavy demands upon his time and in doing well the work that lies nearest at hand he has also aided in the development of his township. He breeds full-blooded Hampshire hogs and feeds both cattle and hogs, which he sells at a good price. None begrudges him the prosperity that is his, as it has been won by hard work and good management.

If every one in this world was just like me, what kind of world would this world be?

Say, friend, where are you going to spend eternity?

The wages of sin is death. The gift of God is eternal life.

What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

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#### FRED BEELER.

Fred Beeler is living retired on section 13, Walnut township, and is not only one of the most substantial men of that township but also one of the most sincerely respected. He was born in Baden, Germany, December 4, 1835, a son of Fred and Mary Ann (Stoltz) Beeler, both natives of the fatherland. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, emigrated with his family to America in 1846 and made his way overland to Ripley county, Indiana, where he purchased a farm and resided until his death, fourteen years later. His widow subsequently removed to Leavenworth, Kansas, and passed away there in 1868.

Fred Beeler remained at home upon the farm until he was sixteen years old and then started out in life on his own account. He learned the blacksmith's trade and when eighteen years of age went to the then far west, settling at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where for two years he worked at his trade at the army post, in the employ of the federal government. At the end of that time he opened a shop in the city of Leavenworth, Kansas, but in the following year the lure of the discovery of gold induced him to go to Pike's Peak, where he met with a considerable measure of success as a gold miner. He was a part of the life of

the western country in many ways in the '50s and in 1856 he operated a pony express, carrying mail from Fort Laramie to Fort Bridger in Utah, a distance of six hundred miles, the road leading over much rough and mountainous country and passing through a territory still largely under the power of hostile Indians. At one time he was captured by a party of Snake Indians on the warpath and probably owes his life to the fact that his horse was branded U. S., which the chief noticed and which led him to give Mr. Beeler his freedom. He not only set him free after being held a prisoner for three hours, but gave him an escort which accompanied him fifteen miles or until he was out of danger. In 1858 he hauled wool from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Independence, Missouri. In 1860 he came to Madison county, Iowa, and acquired a forty acre farm in Walnut township. The next spring he loaded his wagons with honey, butter, eggs and cheese and took the produce to Denver, Colorado. His train consisted of five large wagons and one small one and there were six yoke of oxen to each wagon. Upon reaching Denver he sold not only his produce but also all of the oxen except enough to bring the empty wagons back to this county. The venture was so successful from a financial standpoint that he made a similar trip the next year. He looks back with much pleasure upon those stirring times and is proud of the fact that his courage and endurance were equal to the tests to which they were often subjected.

In the fall of 1860 Mr. Beeler purchased a splendid farm of two hundred acres of land in Walnut township, this county, and is still living upon that place. He proved very successful in his agricultural pursuits and acquired more and more land, owning at one time nine hundred and eighty acres in addition to his home farm of two hundred acres. However, as his children grew to adult years and married he gave them each a tract of land and now holds title to his homestead only. He wisely took his boys into partnership with him as soon as they were old enough and since they had a real and vital interest in the work of the farm and since their labors yielded them financial returns which made them independent, they were more than willing to remain upon the farm, feeling that the city could not offer them anything of real value more than they already had. Mr. Beeler continued active in agricultural work until four years ago, when he retired and now makes his home with his youngest son, William, a wish expressed by his wife before her death. He is justly proud of the large measure of financial success that has been his, but it is even a greater gratification to him that the relation between himself and his sons has always been one of hearty cooperation and of the greatest goodwill, respect and warm regard, and it pleases him that they have seen fit to follow the occupation to which they were reared and in which is to be found not only material prosperity but also congenial work and a manly sense of independence.

Mr. Beeler was married in 1861 to Miss Nancy McClure, who was a daughter of Henry and Milly McClure, both natives of Ohio and both of English descent. The father was a farmer and followed that occupation in his native state, where he passed away. Subsequently the mother removed with her children to this county and entered land on section 24, Walnut township, where she resided until her death in 1863. The farm was subsequently purchased by our subject. Mrs. Beeler passed away in 1901 and her demise was not only the occasion of great grief to her immediate family but was also sincerely regretted by many others

who had learned to know and to love her. She was the mother of five sons: Otto died when two years of age. Othello, who is a farmer, living three miles south of our subject, in Ohio township, married Miss Emma Deardorf, by whom he has three children, Fred P., Otto and Leo. Fred M., a retired farmer of East Peru, married Miss Nora Deardorf and they have a daughter, Ruth. Charles, a farmer of Ohio township, married Dora Roy and they have three daughters, Helen, Mildred and Kate. Will J., a farmer and stockman of Walnut township, married Hallie Deardorf and they have a son, Donald.

Mr. Beeler supported the republican party until 1873 but since then has at times cast an independent ballot, feeling that the best man for the place should be elected, irrespective of party affiliations. He still believes, however, in the wisdom of the great principles for which the republican party has stood for so long. He has held a number of offices of trust and responsibility, having served as trustee, justice of the peace, township clerk, and as postmaster of Ohio postoffice, in Walnut township, which was continued as long as the mails were carried from Winterset to Osceola. Mr. Beeler was postmaster there for fifteen years and in the discharge of his duties was always systematic and conscientious. He has done much to improve the grade of stock raised in the county and was the first man to bring a registered Percheron Norman stallion to Madison county, securing a fine stallion from Chicago in 1862. He continued to raise fine horses until his retirement from active life and all of his horses brought big prices, as they were all registered. He also engaged in the raising of cattle and sheep and for twenty years never fed less than one hundred head of cattle and often two hundred or more. He bred shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs and was known as one of the most extensive stock-raisers of the township. In the early days when buying cattle he often rode one hundred miles a day in the saddle and he thought nothing at all of starting from home in the morning and being in Missouri, sixty-eight miles away, by night.

The success that he achieved, which enables Mr. Beeler to now live retired, was won by much hard work, by the intrepid facing of the perils of the western country, by initiative, energy and the exercise of sound judgment, and from the time that he first took up his residence in this county to the present he has commanded the unqualified respect of all who know him both for his ability as an agriculturist, stock-raiser and business man and for the fine manliness of his character.

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#### W. A. HARWOOD.

W. A. Harwood, who owns two hundred and seventy-six acres of land in Walnut township, which he rents to others, resides upon the same farm with his brother, J. L. Harwood, and gives the greater part of his time to the oversight of his money-lending business. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Savings Bank of Peru.

Mr. Harwood was born in Franklin county, Illinois, on the 13th of January, 1860, a son of Joseph and Mary (King) Harwood. The father was born in Warsaw, Kentucky, of German and English ancestry, and the mother in Mary-

land, of Yankee lineage. On the 4th of December, 1856, they were married in Illinois and on coming to Iowa located first in Clinton county, then in Cedar county, and in 1868 settled in this county upon the farm on section 9, Walnut township, where our subject and his brother, J. L., now live. The father was very successful and became the owner of seven hundred acres of land. He passed away in 1908, being survived by his widow for a year.

W. A. Harwood remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, but three years before that time began his independent business career. In 1886 he went to Julesburg, Colorado, where he entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, preempted another quarter section and purchased a claim of one hundred and sixty acres near Sterling. He resided there for about three years and then returned to this county, which has since remained his home. For seven years he lived in Peru, but is now living in Walnut township. He owns two hundred and seventy-six acres of fine land, but does not operate it himself, renting it to others. He was one of the organizers of the Savings Bank of Peru, a well established and prosperous financial institution, and is a member of its board of directors. His business activities have been wisely managed and he has accumulated considerable capital, which he loans on good security. He is recognized as an efficient, conservative business man and all of his dealings are guided by strict rules of honesty and integrity. He has resided in the county for many years and the fact that those who have had every opportunity of forming an accurate judgment of his worth should accord him a high place in their estimation is the best possible proof of his ability and of his probity.

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### JAMES W. McGLOTHLEN.

Although he still resides upon his farm in Jackson township, James W. McGlothlen is retired from active farm work and is enjoying a life of leisure. He is a native of Indiana, his birth occurring in Fountain county on the 12th of November, 1850. His parents, Jonathan and Mary (Murray) McGlothlen, were both born in Kentucky. The father removed with his family to Illinois in 1852, locating in Vermilion county, and he became an extensive land owner, holding title to several hundred acres of fine land. He raised draft and driving horses of high grade, and was engaged in the milling business in Indiana at the time of his death. He was quite active in public affairs and helped to build the new edifice for the church to which he belonged. To him and his wife, who died when she was fifty years of age, were born six sons, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

James W. McGlothlen pursued his studies in a log schoolhouse in his native county, but as he was quite young when his father died he was forced to earn his own living at an early age. In 1871 he came to Iowa and rented land in Polk county, but four years later he removed to Webster township, Madison county, where he became a well known land owner. In 1910 he took up his residence upon a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Jackson township, where he is still living, although he is not actively engaged in farming and rents his land, deriving therefrom a good income. His farming was charac-

terized by foresight, energy and promptness; his crops were abundant and brought a good price upon the market, and he also raised stock quite extensively.

Mr. McGlothlen married Miss Josephine Rice, who was born in Avon, Polk county, Iowa, a daughter of Ananias and Catherine (Harris) Rice. Her father, who was a native of Ohio, located in Polk county about 1848, when conditions were still largely those of a frontier region, and he became known all over that section of the state as a stock buyer, driving stock to Eddyville, which was then the nearest railroad station. He owned three hundred and twenty acres of land and was one of the substantial citizens of his county. His religious faith was that of the Christian church, and in politics he was an adherent of the greenback party. During the Civil war he enlisted from Polk county and went to the front in the Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. At the time of his death he was living upon a farm near Avon. Mrs. McGlothlen is the third in order of birth in a family of ten children.

Mr. McGlothlen is a democrat in politics and takes a great deal of interest in public affairs. He is a man characterized by perseverance, believing that it lies within the power of a community to direct its growth and development so as to secure the best conditions possible. He finds much pleasure in travel and has been to California three times. In addition to his real estate in this county, he owns fruit ranches in the west. He is a charter member of the Christian church in Webster township, as is his wife. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has many friends not only in that organization but wherever he is known, as his qualities of character are such as invariably command respect.

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#### R. A. WETRICH.

R. A. Wetrich, who is farming on sections 10 and 15, Penn township, is a native of that township, born on the 30th of April, 1885, of the marriage of William and Anna (Gabrill) Wetrich, natives, respectively, of Holmes county, Ohio, and Muscatine, Iowa. The father removed to Johnson county, Iowa, in an early day with his parents and there grew to manhood. After reaching maturity he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on his own account, and after some time went to Polk county, where he remained but a year, his next removal being to Madison county. He arrived here in 1883 and rented land for two years, but in 1885 purchased sixty acres on section 10, Penn township, which he began improving and later he invested in land on section 15, becoming at length the owner of two hundred and forty acres, which he operated until his death, which occurred in 1903. His widow took up her residence in Dexter in 1905 and is still living there. There were six children in their family, as follows: Dora, R. A., Pearl J., Carrie, Bernie R., and Daisy.

R. A. Wetrich acquired his early education in Penn township, and upon finishing the common-school course entered Earlham Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1907. He then went to South Dakota, where he worked for about six months, after which he removed to Dexter, Iowa, and



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entered the employ of the State Bank of Dexter. At the end of a year, however, he decided that he preferred farming to banking and removed to the home place in Penn township, which he has operated for the last four years. He has proved very successful as an agriculturist and his capital is increasing steadily.

On the 24th of February, 1910, Mr. Wetrich married Miss Mamie A. Colby, who is a stepdaughter of Peter Cook and whose mother was in her maidenhood Miss Maria Wilson. W. W. Wilson, a brother of the last named, was the first white child born in Penn township. Mr. Cook is a farmer of Dallas county, this state, where he grew to manhood and where he has since followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Wetrich have two children: Wayne W., four years old; and Gale A., one year of age.

Mr. Wetrich is a republican and is serving his fifth year as township clerk, his continuance in the office being the best proof of his competence. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, to the support of which he contributes. He is public spirited to a marked degree and this trait, with his many other admirable characteristics, has won him the warm friendship of those who know him most intimately.

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#### JOSEPH MILLER.

Joseph Miller, a retired farmer of Ohio township, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1834, a son of Samuel and Lavina (Groves) Miller, the former born in Pennsylvania, of German descent, and the latter a native of Virginia. They became residents of Ohio in the early days of the history of that state and the father provided for the support of his family by farming.

Joseph Miller attended school in Ohio and remained in his native state until 1865, when he removed to Iowa. In the spring of 1869 he took up his residence in Ohio township, Madison county, where he has since resided. For many years he carried on general farming and stock-raising and he became known as an energetic and enterprising agriculturist, but as he has reached the age of eighty-one he is now living in honorable retirement, enjoying the fruits of his well directed labor of former years.

In 1869 Mr. Miller married Miss Louisa Ellen Young, a daughter of C. H. and Rebecca (Creger) Young. Her father, who was a well known blacksmith of Ohio township, subsequently conducted a shop in St. Charles and was living in that town at the time of his death, which took place in April, 1912, while he was visiting in Illinois. His wife had passed away many years previously. On the 5th of June, 1900, Mrs. Miller was called to the home beyond. She was the mother of two children. Nettie Edith, born February 27, 1870, married C. W. Sweezy, of Truro, and passed away on the 18th of October, 1906. Samuel Walter, born December 9, 1871, resides upon the home farm, of which he assumed charge in 1907. In 1900 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida D. Swearingen, who was born November 11, 1879, a daughter of Daniel and Anna (Fife) Swearingen, both natives of this state, the former born in Eddyville in 1855 and the latter in this county in 1857. They were married in Madison county, the father having removed here in youth. He was a farmer by occupation and as he was

successful accumulated a competence that enables him to live retired in Truro. His wife also survives. Samuel W. Miller, who has charge of the home farm, is a prosperous and up-to-date young agriculturist and also raises and feeds many cattle and hogs yearly. He operates four hundred and forty acres, of which he owns two hundred and eighty acres. His political belief is that of the republican party and he has served for two terms as township trustee. To him and his wife have been born two children: Pauline, whose birth occurred on the 11th of September, 1901, and who is attending the Truro high school; and Coy, born December 1, 1907.

Mr. Miller of this review is a democrat and is loyal in his support of the principles and candidates of that party. He has been called to public office and has discharged his duties with circumspection, thus winning the approval of his constituents. For one term he was trustee of Ohio township and for one term he was school director of his district. He is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, and throughout his entire life he has so ordered his actions that he is held in the highest esteem by all who have come in contact with him. For forty-six years he has been a resident of Madison county and has watched with much interest the steady growth and development of the county, contributing as far as possible to its progress and advancement along agricultural lines and also as regards moral and civic betterment.

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#### JOHN W. CLEMENT.

John W. Clement, a carpenter and builder of Macksburg, was born in Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, on the 28th of November, 1842, a son of Benjamin and Lydia M. (Baker) Clement, natives respectively of England and Ohio. When about twenty years of age the father emigrated to the United States in order to escape military service and took up his residence in Ohio, where he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed in that state until 1867. In that year he removed to Clinton county, Iowa, and worked there as a carpenter for a decade. In 1877 he removed to North Loup, Nebraska, where he was living at the time of his demise. His political belief was that of the republican party and he was much interested in public affairs. He was a minister in the Baptist church and was a leader in its work in the communities in which he lived. He was twice married and was the father of twenty-four children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth and of whom eighteen lived to maturity.

John W. Clement received the benefit of the early schools of Ohio and was thoroughly grounded in the fundamental branches of learning, although the log schoolhouse and the crude benches would seem altogether inadequate today. When little more than a youth he joined Company E of the Benton Cadets, which organization was General Fremont's infantry bodyguard, and he served with that command in Missouri for three months. After fighting guerrillas in southern Missouri the Cadets returned to St. Louis and when Fremont was superseded by Hunter the company was mustered out and sent home. Mr. Clement then enlisted in Company K, Twentieth Ohio Infantry, and saw active service in practically every state in the Confederacy, being in Missouri, Kentucky, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Ball's Bluff, Natchez, Mississippi, Raymond, and the siege of Atlanta. At the battle of Atlanta on the 22d of July, 1862, he was engaged in tearing up a railroad and went to a nearby plantation to get something to eat. While eating he was taken prisoner by five rebels and he and his comrades were about to be hanged when some northern troops put the southerners to rout and he and his companions in danger were taken back to the Union camp. He veteranized after the siege of Vicksburg and reenlisted in the same company and regiment, serving therein until July, 1865, when he was discharged at Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Ohio but not long afterward removed to Clinton county, Iowa, and learned the carpenter's trade under his father. For ten years he resided in Humboldt, Nebraska, but for the last thirty-five years has made his home in Madison county, Iowa. Since his return from the war he has devoted his entire attention to carpentering and building and has erected many structures which are still in an excellent condition and which are proof of his fine workmanship and thoroughness. He is now living practically retired, having accumulated a competence, and has the respect of his fellow citizens.

On the 9th of March, 1868, Mr. Clement married Miss Lydia M. Kerns, who was born in Cassopolis, Indiana, on the 22d of January, 1849, a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Furrow) Kerns. Her father was a farmer and was for a number of years a resident of this county. Mrs. Clement passed away on the 22d of June, 1911, leaving six daughters: Mary R., now the wife of Hugh Shearer, of Webster township; Viola R., who gave her hand in marriage to J. A. Harrison, by whom she has six children; Ina M., who is keeping house for her father; Josephine, the wife of George Huston, a farmer, and the mother of six children; Theresa, who married Melvin Huston, a resident of Montana, by whom she has one child; and Sibbie, who married Glenn Martin, by whom she has one child.

Mr. Clement is a republican and has been quite active in local political circles. When the J. D. Craven Post, No. 322, G. A. R., of Macksburg was in existence he was prominent in its work and was one of its charter members. Although it has been discontinued he still endeavors to keep in touch with his surviving comrades of the Civil war. Although he is not connected with any church organization his life is in accord with the principles of Christianity, as he has striven to conform his conduct to the Golden Rule and all who know him bear witness to his integrity and kindness.

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#### CHESTER L. JONES.

Chester L. Jones, who owns and operates one hundred and forty-one acres of land on section 9, Penn township, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, in December, 1870, a son of Basil and Sarah (Watts) Jones, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father operated a farm in Ohio until 1883, when he removed to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased land in Jackson township, which he is still cultivating. In 1901 he was called upon to mourn the death of his wife.

Chester L. Jones was reared and educated in Ohio and Iowa, being but twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county. He re-

mained at home until he attained his majority, and then purchased land in Jackson township, to the cultivation of which he devoted his energies for a decade. At the end of that time he removed to Penn township and bought one hundred and forty-one acres on section 9, which he is now cultivating. He has made many improvements upon his property and its neat appearance testifies to his care and energy.

In June, 1900, Mr. Jones married Miss Cora Neff, a daughter of I. D. and Nancy J. (Gillman) Neff, natives of Indiana, who became residents of Madison county, Iowa, at an early day in the history of this part of the state. The father purchased and improved land in Penn township and followed agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred on the 22d of December, 1913. His widow now makes her home in Earlham. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two children, Helen W. and Byron Neff, aged, respectively, thirteen and nine years.

Mr. Jones has served his township acceptably as clerk and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. He is equally loyal to the Christian church and the Yeomen lodge, in both of which organizations he holds membership, and in all relations of life his conduct has been such as to win for him high commendation. He is justly ranked among the able and successful farmers of the county, and none begrudges him the success that is rewarding his labors.

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#### CHARLES F. SCOTT.

Charles F. Scott was a well known and prosperous farmer of Ohio township and his demise was greatly regretted by those who knew him. Born on the 9th of July, 1846, at Steubenville, Ohio, he was a son of John and Mary (Hunt) Scott. The birth of his father occurred at Chartier's Creek in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of September, 1798, and when sixteen years of age he went to Jefferson county, Ohio, where he learned the trade of fulling and dressing cloth. On the 3d of April, 1821, occurred his marriage to Miss Eliza Skelly, a daughter of John and Margaret (Simrall) Skelly. They were married in Harrison county, Ohio, and became the parents of the following children, Alexander, John, Rachel, Barzillai, Margaret and Martha Ellen. The wife and mother was called to her reward on the 18th of December, 1835, and on the 10th of September, 1839, Mr. Scott married Miss Mary M. Hunt, a daughter of the Rev. Thomas Hunt, of Jefferson county, Ohio, and they became the parents of four children, Jane R., Thomas, Charles F. and Eliza. The death of the father occurred at Richmond, Ohio, on the 30th of June, 1864. He was a Presbyterian and was well versed in the theology of his creed and in his daily life strove to follow the high principles in which he believed.

Charles F. Scott received his education in the public schools of Ohio and following the demise of his father came west to Carroll county, Illinois, where he found work upon a farm. After his marriage he lived for two years in that county and operated a farm, but at the end of that time went to Dallas county, Iowa, where he rented land and farmed in connection with his brother, Alexander Scott, who owned nine hundred acres of land in that county. Four years later Charles F. Scott returned to Illinois and farmed there until 1902. In that year



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he came to Madison county and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Ohio township, west of Truro. He took up his abode upon that place, which was operated by his son Harry, but in February, 1907, our subject gave his son complete charge of the farm and removed to Truro, where he lived retired until his demise, which occurred on the 26th of April, 1913. His wife still makes her home in Truro.

On the 2d of November, 1870, Mr. Scott was married, his bride being Miss Harriet L. Barnes, who was born on the 28th of August, 1847, in Herkimer county, New York, a daughter of Harry M. and Louisa M. (Byington) Barnes. Her father was born in Oneida county, New York, of English descent, and was a cheese maker and dairyman by occupation, although he also gave some time to general farming. His wife was born in Herkimer county, that state, of French descent, and their marriage occurred in Camden, New York, on the 28th of January, 1838. In April, 1855, they located in Stephenson county, Illinois, where they resided during the remainder of their lives, the father dying on the 2d of May, 1893, and the mother on the 12th of October, 1898.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Scott was solemnized in Stephenson county, Illinois, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Harry Barnes, whose birth occurred on the 14th of April, 1873, is farming in Ohio township, this county. During the Spanish-American war he served in Company L, Fortyninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He married Miss Mattie Johnston, who resided near St. Charles, and they have a daughter, Cleona. Louisa May, born May 23, 1874, is at home with her mother. Thomas Whiting, whose birth occurred on the 19th of April, 1878, passed away on the 1st of July, 1908, when thirty years of age. He also served in the Spanish-American war, being a member of Company L, Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He married Miss Maude Byers, of Cedar Rapids, by whom he had two children, Lucile and Pauline. George Erwin, who was born April 16, 1880, married Miss Maude Scott, of Centerville. He was a member of Company L, Sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command in the Spanish-American war. He is now manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Centerville. Elsie Ivy, who was born September 8, 1882, married P. H. Deardorf, a ranchman of Silt, Colorado, and they have three children, Catherine, Chester and Mabel. Chester Alvin, born May 1, 1884, is engaged in the laundry business at Seattle, Washington. Ross Edwin, born August 31, 1885, married Miss Belle Craft and they have a daughter, Doris Lucile. He is employed in Denver, Colorado, in the packing plant of Swift & Company. Irene Daisy, born November 4, 1888, married John F. Leggett, of Truro, who is now ranching near Chugwater, Wyoming. They have five children, Ross Scott, James Frederick, Erwin, Mildred May and John Wesley.

Mr. Scott was a republican and held the office of justice of the peace at the time of his demise. While living in Illinois he served as collector and assessor for several terms and was also assessor of Ohio township. Although a member of the Lutheran church, he supported the Christian church after taking up his residence in Truro. For a long time he was a Sunday-school teacher in the Methodist Episcopal and Christian churches and while a resident of Illinois was the Sunday-school superintendent in the English Lutheran church. Fraternally he held membership in the Masonic lodge at Truro and in the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at this place. His son, Harry B. Scott, is also a member of

both of those organizations. His widow belongs to Camp No. 110 of Illinois, Royal Neighbors of America, and was for two terms president of the Woman's Relief Corps in Truro. She makes her home in Truro and her daughter, Louisa May, lives with her. Harry B. Scott, the eldest son, rents the homestead and is successfully carrying on general farming and stockraising. The family is an honored one in this county, and the memory of the father is still cherished by the many who knew him and appreciated his sterling worth.

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#### CASS PINDELL.

Cass Pindell, a well known resident of Macksburg, was for a number of years an active agriculturist and stock-raiser but is now living retired. His birth occurred in Brown county, Ohio, on the 11th of June, 1849, and his parents, Michael and Jennie (Brady) Pindell, were both natives of Virginia. The father was reared upon the home farm in that state, and in his young manhood removed to Ohio, where he became a landowner and devoted his time to farming and stock-raising, specializing in the raising of sheep. He passed away in Brown county, that state, when sixty years of age. He was held in high honor by his fellow citizens, was elected to all of the county offices and was also county supervisor. In the local circles of the democratic party he was a leader and was equally active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held a number of offices. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom our subject is the youngest. Mrs. Pindell passed away when sixty-five years of age.

Cass Pindell received a common-school education, pursuing his studies in a log schoolhouse in Brown county, Ohio, and he remembers vividly the benches and slab desks that were provided for the use of the children. Under his father's instruction he received valuable training, becoming early familiar with methods of agriculture, and when twenty-three years of age began farming for himself. He was so engaged in Ohio until 1873 and then came to Madison county, Iowa, settling on section 3, Grand River township. He soon had his farm under cultivation, and as he is industrious and foresighted his resources increased steadily and from time to time he has purchased more land until his holdings aggregate about five hundred acres in this county in addition to large tracts of land in North Dakota and Canada. Although he leaves the actual work of the farm to others he still partially supervises his interests. He is also a director of the Macksburg National Bank and is one of the most valued citizens of Macksburg, where he has made his home since 1901.

In 1872 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Pindell and Miss Melissa Pindell, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, a daughter of Philip Pindell, a farmer of that county. She passed away while living upon the farm, leaving two children: Virginia, the wife of Charles M. Ballard, a farmer and stockman of Montana, by whom she has a son, Claire; and Melissa, who married Frank Ballard, a brother of C. M. Ballard. He also resides in Montana and to him and his wife have been born four children, Pearl, Gladys, Gail and Lyle. Mr. Pindell was again married, Mrs. Julia (Arasmith) Hilberry becoming his wife. She is a native of Henry county, Illinois, and a daughter of Alfred and Emily (Stow-



ers) Arasmith, the former of whom was born in Kentucky on the 30th of September, 1807, and died on the 9th of June, 1863, while the latter, likewise a native of the Blue Grass state, was born on the 5th of June, 1812, and died on the 4th of June, 1844. The father followed agricultural pursuits throughout his entire active life and early in the history of Illinois removed to that state, going by ox team. Indians were still numerous, there was an abundance of game and much land was still in the possession of the government. He entered a claim and later bought more land, becoming quite an extensive owner of real estate. He was a republican and held a number of the township offices. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom Mrs. Pindell is the youngest. She was first married to John Hilberry, who came to Madison county in 1868. Although he was a carpenter by trade he devoted his time to farming during the greater part of his life. He passed away on the 21st of March, 1890, leaving three children. James G. is a farmer and general merchant of Redwillow, Canada. Henry C. is operating part of his father's old farm in Grand River township. He is married and has three children, Audrey, Rodney and Ruth. Ann married Earl Smith, a farmer living near Macksburg, by whom she has two children, Kenneth and Clifford.

Mr. Pindell is a democrat in his political allegiance but has never sought to hold public office. His wife is quite active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church of Macksburg, to which she belongs. Both are well known and have many friends in their community.

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#### WILLIAM T. JESSE.

William T. Jesse, a veteran of the Civil war and a well known and highly respected farmer living on section 15, Walnut township, was born in Adair county, Kentucky, on the 5th of August, 1839, a son of John J. and Jane (McNealey) Jesse. The father was born in Virginia of Scotch descent and the mother in Indiana of Irish lineage. Their marriage occurred in Adair county, where the father had removed as a boy with his parents. He was a shoemaker by trade and was an expert workman. He and his wife both passed away in Metcalfe county, Kentucky, in 1885.

William T. Jesse acquired his education in that county, going both to the free district school and to the school in which he had to pay tuition. He remained under the parental roof until 1860 and then came to Madison county, Iowa, locating near Providence in Scott township. He worked for others until August 9, 1862, and then became a member of Company H, Twenty-third Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving in the Civil war with credit to himself until July 28, 1865, when he was mustered out and discharged at Harrisburg, Texas. He was clerk in the quartermaster's department part of the time, but fought in the following battles: Pittman's Ferry; Pocahontas; Black River Bridge, Mississippi, where his regiment led the charge and he was wounded in the hand; Port S. P. Ramsey, Texas; and Spanish Fort, Alabama; and also participated in the siege of Vicksburg. He was with the men of the Department of the Gulf under General Sheridan on their expedition into Texas. On returning to the

duties of civil life he came back to Madison county and worked as a hired hand in Scott township until he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to rent land. Several years later, or in 1881, he removed to a farm in Walnut township, which he operated until 1891. In that year he located upon the farm where he now lives and he has a half interest in sixty acres of land, which constitutes his home place, and seventy acres of ridge and timber land. In partnership with his sons he carries on a general farming and stock-raising business and his labors are effective and yield him a gratifying yearly profit.

In 1866 Mr. Jesse married Miss Martha E. Eskew, a daughter of John and Sally Eskew, both natives of Kentucky. The father, who was a farmer, continued to follow that occupation in Scott township after the removal of the family to this county, where both he and his wife passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse have become the parents of five children: Edgar M., who was born on the 14th of February, 1867, and is upon the home farm; Ellen, now Mrs. Clyde Church, of Boulder, Colorado; C. A. and John W., both in partnership with their father; and Jane, who died when two years of age. Mr. Jesse has taken his sons into partnership and all work together in the cultivation of his land, and as they have a part in the business they have always been content to remain upon the farm, finding the work congenial and profitable.

Mr. Jesse has been a lifelong supporter of the republican party and is thoroughly convinced of the wisdom of its policies. His wife holds membership in the United Brethren church and he is interested in its work and in all movements that seek the enrichment of the moral life of the community. As a young man his indignation was aroused by the wrongs of the negro and it was because of his attitude upon the slavery question that he was compelled to leave Kentucky. When the seceding states refused to again consider themselves a part of the Union he felt it to be his duty to do all in his power to compel them to do so and also felt that an opportunity was offered to strike a blow against slavery. His physical courage equalled his moral stamina, and when he was shot in the hand he dressed it himself, refused to go to the hospital or to leave his command and was back in line in thirty days. Determination and a conscientious adherence to the right as he sees it have always characterized him and to those qualities is due much of the respect in which he is uniformly held.

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#### J. G. GILBERT.

J. G. Gilbert, well known in Penn township as a successful farmer, was born in Berrien county, Michigan, in September, 1851, a son of John and Annie (Swartz) Gilbert, natives of Pennsylvania, who were among the early settlers of the Wolverine state. The father was farming at the outbreak of the Civil war, but put aside all business interests and entered the Union army. Three months after he went to the front he was killed in action. His widow was left with seven children, the oldest of whom was fourteen years old and the youngest an infant of one year. She bravely kept the family together and gave the children a good education, manifesting courage and determination of a high order. She

also proved an excellent business woman and farmed the homestead until her demise, which occurred on the 11th of February, 1909.

J. G. Gilbert was reared and educated in Michigan and remained with his mother until he was twelve years of age. He then started out to earn his own living and thus relieve his mother of the necessity of providing for his support. He worked as a farm hand for twelve years in Michigan and then came to Iowa, where he continued in that occupation for a year. In 1876 he arrived in Madison county and rented land, which he operated for five years. At the end of that time his industry and thrift had enabled him to save enough to buy eighty acres of land, and, removing to his farm, devoted his attention to its cultivation. He bought more land and is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres on sections 11, 12 and 13, Penn township, which is known as Hickory Grove Farm. He has made many improvements upon the place, which has two sets of buildings. He is a wide-awake, progressive and very successful farmer, and has accumulated more than a competence.

Mr. Gilbert married Miss Elizabeth Housewerth, who was born on the 17th of September, 1863, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Arbagast) Housewerth, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father farmed in Michigan for seven years, but in 1873 came to this county, buying the land now in possession of our subject, and he farmed that place until his death, which occurred in 1898. He had survived his wife for a number of years, as her demise occurred in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have three children: Frank, who is farming land belonging to his father; Ray, at home; and Loyal, also operating land belonging to his father.

Mr. Gilbert is an adherent of the republican party and has served acceptably as school director of his district. A member of the Evangelical church, he conforms his life to the teachings of Christianity and does all in his power to promote the moral betterment of his community. Hickory Grove Farm is one of the excellently improved places in the county, and Mr. Gilbert takes just pride in his prosperity, because it has come as a reward of assiduous and well managed labor.

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#### CHARLES EDWARD HIRCOCK.

Charles Edward Hircock, a farmer residing on section 35, Jackson township, on two hundred and forty acres of land, was born in Ohio on the 14th of July, 1866. Mention is made of his parents in the sketch of W. F. Hircock, of Lincoln township, which appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, and the educational opportunities which he enjoyed were those afforded by the Lincoln school in Scott township. By the time that he was grown he was familiar with all phases of agricultural work, and when twenty-two years of age began farming in connection with his brothers. For one year he lived upon the Rippey farm in Lincoln township, but in 1898 he purchased land in Webster township, where for four years he resided. In 1902 he removed to his present farm in Jackson township, and now gives his attention to the cultivation of the soil, the production of grains and the raising of high grade stock. His land is naturally fertile and as he uses the best methods

of cultivation his labors are rewarded by excellent crops, the sale of which bring him a good income, which is supplemented by the profits of his stock-raising.

In 1893 Mr. Hircock married Miss Alma A. Orris, who is a native of Washington county, Iowa, and is a daughter of Reuben and Olive (Bowden) Orris, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1839, and the latter born in Iowa in 1849. Both are still living in Winterset. The father learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and worked at that and at wagon-making for a number of years. He came to Iowa before the Civil war, and in 1861 enlisted in an Iowa regiment of volunteer infantry, serving for four years. Upon removing to Madison county he settled first in Webster township, but later took up his residence in Lincoln township, where he farmed until his retirement from active life. He is a republican and keeps well informed as to the trend of events in our national life. To him and his wife were born four children, Mrs. Hircock being the eldest. She is the mother of a son, Everett A., who was born March 13, 1894, and is still with his parents.

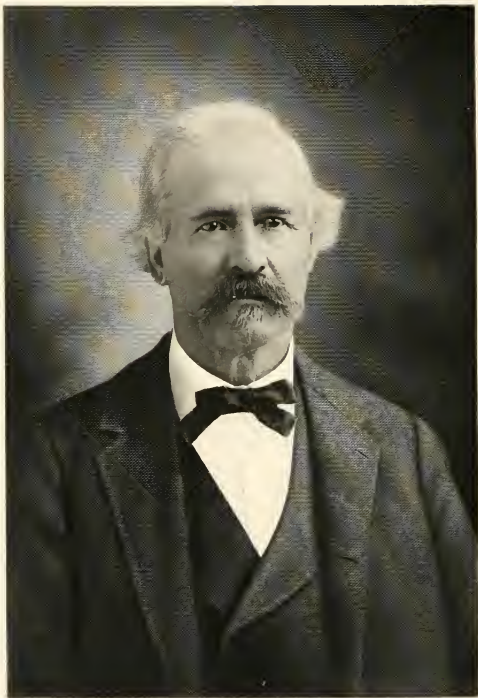
Although without political aspirations, Mr. Hircock exercises his right of franchise, believing it a citizen's duty to do so, and supports the republican party. He does not desire to be in the public eye in any connection, being content to concentrate his energies upon the work of his farm and thus contribute to the agricultural development of the county.

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#### WESLEY COCHRAN.

Wesley Cochran gained an unusual measure of success as an agriculturist, accumulating nineteen hundred and twenty-five acres of land in a body. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, on the 14th of November, 1834, and when but a child was left an orphan. In 1851, when a youth of seventeen, he accompanied his uncle, M. D. Martin, to Madison county and in that year entered eighty acres of land in Grand River township. He then returned to Illinois and worked for two years, carefully saving his money. He then came again to Madison county and purchased a piece of timber land, after which he went back to Illinois and worked there in order to earn money with which to improve his land. As soon as he had saved sufficient capital he returned to Madison county and established his permanent home here. His first residence was a log cabin, which remained the family home for nine years. At the end of that time he purchased an adjoining eighty acres, on which was a frame house. He removed the building to the site of his original residence and nine years later built the commodious frame house which still stands. Although the land which he originally purchased was totally unimproved when he settled thereon, it was not long before he had it under cultivation and from the first he found farming a profitable occupation. From time to time he bought other land and eventually held title to nineteen hundred and twenty-five acres of fine land all in a body. Although he was such an extensive landowner, he never purchased land to speculate on, but only for the use of his family. Before his death he gave each of his children a good farm and they are well known and prosperous agriculturists of this county.





*Wesley Cochran*



*Elizabeth Cochran*





Mrs. Cochran still lives upon the homestead, which is excellently improved. Not only are the buildings commodious and well adapted to their respective uses, but there are also a good orchard and a beautiful grove, which add both to the value and beauty of the place, while the fields are inclosed with strong, durable fencing. She has resided there for more than fifty-three years and takes a personal pride in the farm, as it was but a tract of wild prairie land when she and her husband first located on it and as its development was accomplished by their work and planning. Although she endured many hardships in the early days, she is still in good health and takes a keen interest in all that is going on. When she and Mr. Cochran came to this county a half century ago the conveniences that are now taken as a matter of course were unthought of and it was necessary to work long hours and to endure many discomforts. However, there were compensations, as the wild prairie land was rich and productive and when brought under cultivation yielded bountiful crops, and the early settlers had the satisfaction of knowing that they were not only developing properties that would insure them of material prosperity but that they were also contributing to the progress of the state as a whole.

On the 14th of November, 1861, Mr. Cochran married Miss Elizabeth Hamblin, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 20th of March, 1842, of the marriage of Simeon and Eleanor Hamblin, who in 1854 became residents of Monroe township, Madison county. Both passed away in that township. To Mr. and Mrs. Cochran were born nine children. Kate became the wife of J. T. Steele and died August 26, 1896, leaving two sons, Jay and Ed, the younger but an infant. They have made their home with their grandmother since their mother's demise. J. H. married Estelle Polk and resides in Winterset. William is a banker of Lorimor, Iowa, and Frank, the next in order of birth, died when twenty-one years of age, October 29, 1892. Walter L., Forrest Lee and Fred are represented elsewhere in this volume. F. W. is the next in order of birth, and Mattie, the youngest of the family, is the wife of J. Ira Tucker.

In his early manhood Mr. Cochran was a member of the Methodist church, but at length his sincerity and honesty revolted against what he believed to be hypocrisy and he withdrew his membership. His conduct always measured up to high standards of morality and he never took advantage of a fellowman or cheated anyone out of even the smallest amount. His political belief was that of the democratic party and he took a commendable interest in the public welfare. His demise, which occurred on the 15th of March, 1912, was sincerely regretted by many and his memory is still cherished by those who knew him intimately.

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#### LEVI T. TOWNSEND.

Levi T. Townsend, who is an important factor in the life of Macksburg, Madison county, and who was for many years a general merchant, was born in Logan county, Ohio, September 30, 1845, of the marriage of Eli and Abigail (Woods) Townsend. The family history has been traced back to the year 1275 and it has been found that the patronymic Townsend came into use at a considerably later date, the family name being originally Woodville. Representatives

of the family settled in London, at the end of the town, and they gradually became known as town's end people. Men of the family were knighted, and we find that the family seal, which was originally given Sir Richard Townsend, of Ranheim, Norfolk, England, is that of a stag being chased by hounds, with a crown of purple and gold and a Latin inscription meaning, "By their fidelity they conquer." In 1620 a Townsend emigrated to America and located at Lynn, in the colony of Massachusetts.

When the land beyond the Alleghenies began to be settled members of the family made their way westward, and Eli Townsend, father of our subject, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1823. He learned the carpenter and builder's trade, which he followed in the Buckeye state until 1863, in which year he came west, taking up his residence in Warren county, Iowa. He bought two hundred and forty acres of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life. His residence was one of the finest country homes in his district and his farm was splendidly improved, while he was rightly considered one of the most progressive agriculturists of that county. He was financially independent and in addition to owning his excellent farm was a director in the Bank of Indianola. For many years he served as justice of the peace and was also county supervisor. His religious faith was that of the Quaker church. He was active in the Grange and was prominent in the management of the elevator belonging to that organization. He did all in his power to place farming upon a more scientific and more businesslike basis and was notably successful not only in the cultivation of crops but in the feeding of cattle and hogs, his labors yielding him a handsome return yearly. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Abigail Woods, was born in Mount Gilead, Ohio, in 1821 and died when eighty-nine years of age. He was but fifty-six years of age when he was called to his reward in 1879. To their union were born eight children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

Levi T. Townsend attended the district schools in and near Mount Gilead, Ohio, but when fourteen years of age left home and entered the employ of a doctor who had a sawmill. Mr. Townsend was an energetic and capable boy and was soon doing a man's work in the mill. After returning home he was employed in sawmills until November, 1863, when he went to the defense of his country, enlisting in Company K, Ninth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He joined that command at Mount Gilead and was sent to Camp Denison. That winter was spent in drill at Cincinnati but in February of 1864 the regiment left for the front by way of Louisville and Nashville. In the vicinity of the latter city they were employed on forage duty for some time, after which they were ordered south to Athens, Alabama. Mr. Townsend was taken sick and was for a time unfit for active duty at the front. He was therefore detailed as guard from his regiment and assigned to the work of accompanying drafted men to the front to follow Sherman's army. He made twelve trips while serving in that capacity. He was popular with his comrades and with his captain, and on the 28th of November, 1864, was appointed clerk to Brigadier General A. J. Slemmer, president of the board of examiners for sick officers. Mr. Townsend is an excellent penman and his ability in that line was of value to him in his capacity as clerk. He still has in his possession orders for "Report for duty," "Leave of absence," etc., which are signed by Brigadier General Slemmer. On

the 12th of June, 1865, Mr. Townsend was mustered out at Cincinnati and after receiving his discharge went to Delaware, Ohio, and applied for work in a sash and door factory. He was wearing his soldier's uniform at that time and this aided him in securing the desired position. However, his health failed and he was compelled to leave that place. In August, 1865, he came to Iowa, but after farming for a time with his father in Warren county he returned to Delaware, Ohio, and was made foreman of the sash and door factory. In 1867 he again came to Iowa, locating in Des Moines and entering the employ of Gilchrist Brothers, who owned and operated a sash and door factory. Their factory burned and he had to go to work in another factory. Subsequently he leased the factory owned by B. F. Allen. He later leased the factory of A. E. Roberts and S. E. Rankin, then state treasurer. He built up an enviable reputation for excellent work and filled the orders of the best contractors of that city. The factory burned and he lost every dollar he had. After he was burned out he decided to turn his attention to other interests, and in October, 1877, left Des Moines and came to Macksburg.

At that time there was no railroad in the town and it required much faith in the development of the western country to foresee the increase in population and wealth that the intervening years have brought. Mr. Townsend believed in the growth of the country and engaged in the mercantile business in Macksburg. He conducted a general store for twenty-nine years and was accorded a liberal patronage by the people of this town and its vicinity. He invested heavily in real estate and became the owner of about a thousand acres of fine farming land, in the development of which he contributed largely to the agricultural progress of the county. He was also connected with its financial development, as he was one of the organizers of the Macksburg National Bank and was its second president, although he has now disposed of his interests in that institution. He owns considerable property in Des Moines and has important interests in Macksburg and Madison county. He is not only one of the wealthy men of his locality but is also one of the most highly esteemed and best liked, as his success has been won by constructive methods and has not depended upon the defeat of his fellowmen.

In 1866 Mr. Townsend married Miss Lois L. Thompson, who was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1847 and who died at Macksburg at the age of fifty-one years, eight months and eleven days. Her father was a tailor of Delaware county and was well known there. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend became the parents of the following children: Edwin L., a grocer of University avenue, Des Moines, who married Artie B. Mack, by whom he has two children, Mack L. and Fern; Ada M., the wife of J. B. Callison, a real-estate dealer of Macksburg; Burton L., who passed away leaving two children, Dee E. and Bessie; and Jennie L., the widow of J. L. Canning, who was a farmer residing at Macksburg, by whom she has two children, Louise and Armadene. On the 3d of October, 1900, Mr. Townsend married Mrs. Estelle E. Elton. Her parents were both natives of New York and continued to reside there during their entire lives. Her father was a farmer and sheep raiser and was highly respected as a citizen. Mrs. Townsend was born in New York but later removed to Des Moines, Iowa. She is active in social, club and church circles of Macksburg, and also takes a keen interest in the work of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mr. Townsend is a republican in politics and has had much to do with the direction of public affairs in Macksburg. He held the position of justice of the peace for many years and then declined to serve any longer, feeling that his other interests demanded his undivided attention. He also served as mayor of the town and under his administration the affairs of the municipality were managed in a business-like manner and there was never the slightest question as to his absolute honesty and integrity. He is connected with the Masonic order, belonging to the local blue lodge, and the tenets of that organization find expression in his relations with his fellows. He was one of the organizers of J. D. Craven Post, G. A. R., of Macksburg, and was prominent in its councils until it ceased to exist. His has been a successful life from every point of view, as he has won prominence as a business man, has done his share in promoting the moral and civic development of his community, has gained the warm regard of many loyal friends and the sincere respect of all who know him, and has proven his willingness to serve his country, even to the extent of laying down his life if need be.

On the 21st of March, 1915, Mr. Townsend was converted at a revival meeting held in Macksburg, and both he and his wife have been baptized and joined the Methodist Episcopal church, though she was formerly connected with the Episcopal church. By birthright he was a Quaker, but when the country became involved in civil war he entered the army and thus forfeited his membership in the Friends church, as it is against the religion of that denomination to engage in warfare. His life, however, has always been upright and honorable and he has ever followed Christian principles.

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#### STEPHEN C. POPE.

Stephen C. Pope, who is living retired with his son in Jackson township, having earned a period of rest by unremitting and efficient labor in earlier life, is a native of Oneida county, New York, born on the 6th of January, 1842. His father, Stephen Pope, was born in England in July, 1809, and passed away when seventy-nine years of age, in the early part of 1889. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Eygabroad, was born in New York in 1814, and died when eighty-three years of age, in 1897. The father emigrated to the United States in 1835, when a young man, and began farming in the state of New York, but nine years later he removed to Stephenson county, Illinois, with his family, the journey being made by water. In 1857 they came to Webster township, Madison county, Iowa, where the father acquired title to two hundred and forty acres of land, and he resided thereon until his death. He was a democrat and his advice was often sought on matters affecting the public welfare, although he was not an office seeker and was rather retiring in disposition. The Evangelical church found in him a faithful and consistent member. To him and his wife were born ten children, of whom Stephen C. Pope is the eldest.

The last named acquired his elementary education in a log schoolhouse in Stephenson county, Illinois, but much of his time during his boyhood and youth was devoted to farm work, and when twenty-one years of age he became a

farm hand in Madison county. In 1870 his financial resources were in such a condition that he was able to begin farming for himself and he has since been numbered among the well-to-do agriculturists of the county. As the years passed his capital increased and he at one time owned five hundred and thirty acres, all in this county. He carried on both general farming and stock-raising, believing that by so doing he secured the greatest profit and eliminated waste to the greatest extent. However, he specialized in feeding hogs and found that branch of his activities especially profitable. He has now put aside the cares of active life and is living retired with his son in Jackson township.

In 1868 Mr. Pope married Miss Nancy J. Moore, who was born in Kendall county, Illinois, on the 21st of October, 1847, and died on the 28th of February, 1911. Her parents were Peter and Mahala (Smith) Moore. The father, who was born in Indiana, was a farmer by occupation and was a pioneer of Madison county, arriving here when white settlers were just beginning to reclaim the land from the wilderness. To Mr. and Mrs. Pope were born three children. John H. married Miss Mary E. Wilson, a native of Iowa county, Iowa, whose father was a blacksmith there and served in the Civil war, enlisting from Knox county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Pope have had five children: Alpha May; Ona Violet, who was born in 1891, and died in 1910; Eva P.; Charles E.; and Harry L. The other children of our subject are Jemina May and Minnie Etta.

Mr. Pope gives his political allegiance to the democratic party. In his early manhood he was a member of the Church of Christ, but helped to organize the Webster Methodist Episcopal church and also contributed generously toward its building fund. Since 1857, or for fifty-eight years, he has resided continuously in this county, and he has witnessed almost the entire development of this section of the state, which has been so rapid as to seem little short of miraculous. He has not been merely a spectator, but has done his share in bringing about the material prosperity and advance in civilization that have characterized the last half century.

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### JOSEPH LELAND HARWOOD.

Joseph Leland Harwood, a landowner of Walnut township, residing on section 9, devotes much attention to the raising of fruit, holds the position of vice president of the Peru Savings Bank and also engages in the private loan business. He was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on the 1st of May, 1864, a son of Joseph and Mary (King) Harwood, the former a native of Warsaw, Kentucky, born of German and English lineage. The mother, who was born in Maryland, was of Yankee stock. They were married in Illinois on the 4th of December, 1856, and on coming to Iowa located in Clinton county, where they remained for three years, after which they took up their residence in Cedar county. In 1868 they came to this county and settled upon the farm where our subject and his brother, W. A. Harwood, now live on section 9, Walnut township. The father, who was a successful agriculturist, purchased eighty acres of land on his arrival in this county and later added to his holdings until he acquired seven hundred acres. He disposed of some of that, but at his death in 1908 owned a

section of land. His widow survived him a year, dying in 1909 on the home place.

Joseph L. Harwood remained at home during his boyhood and youth and his time was divided between attending the school of district No. 3 and helping his father with the work of cultivating the fields and caring for the stock. After he reached maturity he continued to reside at home until he was twenty-six years of age, when he was married and began his independent business career. He traveled for a time, but in 1899 again turned his attention to farming. Material prosperity has rewarded his labors and he now owns three hundred and forty acres of good land, most of which he rents. In 1900 he began making a specialty of fruit growing and his business has been developed from year to year until he is now recognized as one of the few really successful fruit growers of this county. He raises apples, peaches, plums and berries of various kinds and finds that the proper care of his orchards makes heavy demands upon his time. He himself does practically no general farming or stock-raising. He has other interests, however, as he was one of the organizers and is vice president of the Peru Savings Bank and he also loans money privately. He owns valuable business property in East Peru and is considered one of the substantial men of his township.

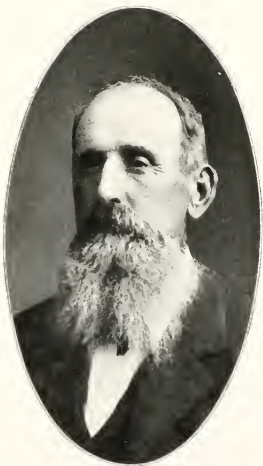
In 1891 Mr. Harwood married Miss Marilla Stanfield, and they became the parents of four children, Grace, Edward, Isaac and Walcott. On the 29th of October, 1908, Mr. Harwood married Miss Charlotte May Gifford, a daughter of Isaac John and Sarah (Porter) Gifford. Her father, a native of Carlisle, Iowa, is a stone mason and farmer and is now living upon a farm east of Peru, but her mother passed away upon that place in 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood have two children: Bessie Levina, born August 4, 1909; and Mabel Almy, whose birth occurred on the 31st of July, 1912.

Mr. Harwood is a republican, but has been too busy with his private affairs to take a very active part in political matters, although he is never remiss in the performance of the duties of a good citizen. He is a factor in the financial life of his community and in demonstrating that fruit can be profitably grown in large quantities in this county he has contributed not a little to its horticultural development. He is well known and the esteem and warm regard in which he is generally held are evidences of a life well spent.

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#### ALFRED LEMAN BENNETT.

Alfred Lemman Bennett is a native son of Madison county, Iowa, as he was born about a mile from the farm upon which he now resides in Douglas township, March 4, 1869. His parents, Andrew and Mary (Gideon) Bennett, were born respectively in Marion county, Indiana, and in Ohio. The father's birth occurred October 22, 1835, and his death in Madison county, Iowa, on the 14th of December, 1905, but the mother, who was born April 24, 1841, is still living here. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Bennett, was born in Fayette, Pennsylvania, in 1800 and in 1851 removed to this county from Indiana, where he had previously settled, making the trip with ox teams and wagons. He was well-to-do and brought five thousand dollars in gold with him. Generosity was one of his



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW BENNETT





salient characteristics and at times when his neighbors had no crops nor money with which to buy, he gave them of his store, although he might have sold his grain elsewhere at a dollar a bushel. He became an extensive landowner, holding title to over one thousand acres. He was very public-spirited and took an active part in the betterment of conditions in his locality. He gave the ground for the first school building in Madison township and served as supervisor. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he made further improvements on his place from time to time. His first residence was a log cabin, in which he lived in true pioneer fashion. His son Andrew drove a team on the journey to Iowa and in the early days when deer and elk were plentiful he caught several young elk and broke them to drive. Many times he drove them into Winterset but finally traded them to his brother in Missouri for mules. Like his father, he had no political aspirations but was very active and energetic and did much to assist his poor neighbors. The big snow storm of 1855 caused the family considerable hardship and there were the usual discomforts of living in an unsettled region. There were eighteen children in the family, of whom he was the fifth in order of birth.

Our subject's maternal grandparents were Henry and Nancy Gideon, who came to Iowa in October, 1854. The grandfather was born September 28, 1798, and the grandmother September 28, 1806. They had a family of eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, all of whom were born in Ohio, namely: Jacob; Alfred; Sarah Ann, who died August 3, 1894; Joseph; James, who died August 31, 1903; Peter; Valentine; Sanford, who died December 28, 1902; David, who died October 3, 1861; Mary E.; and Oliver. The father of these children died on the 22d of November, 1882, and the mother passed away July 5, 1869. Their son Oliver was married October 16, 1867, to Mary E. Kerrick, by whom he had five children, four sons and one daughter. They made their home on the banks of North river and during the flood of July 4, 1876, their house was washed away and the wife and three children were drowned. Oliver, with the two remaining children, managed to hold on to a little green sapling all night before he was rescued by a neighbor, William Terry. A search was then made for the other members of the family, and the wife and two children were found about a mile down the stream, but the body of the baby was not recovered until the following day. They were all laid to rest in what is known as the Bennett graveyard.

Alfred Lemam Bennett attended school in the first schoolhouse built in Douglas township and took advantage of the educational opportunities of that early day. When twenty-two years of age he began farming in Douglas township and with the exception of the year 1892 has continued to reside there. He owns one hundred acres of excellent land and in addition to raising the usual crops is a stockman. He keeps the farm work well in hand, sees that all necessary repairs and buildings are made and that the fields are in a high state of cultivation. As he is efficient and prevents as far as possible all waste of time and energy he has time after his farm work is done to devote to outside affairs. He possesses the family trait of dislike of publicity, but is always in the front rank when there is anything to be done for the good of the community. He has no political aspirations, but his neighbors, who recognize his ability, have elected him to a number of township offices.

In 1890 Mr. Bennett was married to Miss Ola Negus, a native of Jefferson, Greene county, Iowa, born December 28, 1871, a daughter of Obed Warren and Hannah (Hungerford) Negus. Her father was born in Fabius, New York, May 31, 1826, a son of Thaddeus Negus and a descendant of revolutionary stock, his ancestors having fought for the independence of the colonies. He passed away at Atlantic, Iowa, on the 20th of April, 1895. His wife, who was a relative of Colonel Bob Ingersoll, was born March 4, 1848, and is still living at Minneapolis, Minnesota. The grandfather of Mrs. Bennett was related to Colonel Wallace of the English army. Mr. Negus in early life attended the schools of Fabius, New York, and was a classmate of General Slocum. He also had an appointment to West Point, but, having lost an eye through an accident on a hunting trip, he was unable to pass the entrance physical examination. He learned the shoemaker's trade. Upon his removal from New York he settled in Galva, Illinois, where he engaged in the hotel business, but in 1869 went to Jefferson, Iowa, and in partnership with O. J. White conducted a boot and shoe store. He also became a land owner there. In 1872 he located in Des Moines, where he followed his trade, being very skillful in the making of fine boots and shoes, but at the end of two years came to Winterset, where he remained until 1893, when he removed to Atlantic and continued to follow his trade there until his death in 1895. He was quite active in local republican circles and while living in Galva, Illinois, served as mayor of that municipality. He was also at one time United States marshal. To Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have been born the following children: Josephine, whose birth occurred on the 2d of December, 1891; James Warren, born August 29, 1893; and Andrew Floyd, born December 21, 1912.

Mr. Bennett is a member of the Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset, and also holds membership in the Odd Fellows. The spirit of benevolence and kindness has found expression in his daily life, he is at all times ready to assist a neighbor, and there are many in the county who are indebted to him for encouragement or material help given when they were in need. He has worthily carried on the family tradition of public-spirited service and there is no more valued citizen in Douglas township.

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#### MORLEY WHITWORTH.

Among those who are following agriculture as a life work is Morley Whitworth, who owns a farm on section 11, Grand River township. He was born in Cambridgeshire, England, on the 16th of February, 1850, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Green) Whitworth, more extended mention of whom is made in connection with the sketch of William Whitworth, which appears elsewhere in this volume.

Morley Whitworth was less than three years of age when brought to the United States by his parents, and he grew to manhood in Madison county, Iowa. Upon reaching maturity he began farming for himself, buying eighty acres of land in Grand River township, on which he still resides. He has made a number of improvements upon his place and his industry and practical methods have

enabled him to gain considerably more than a livelihood from his agricultural operations. For thirty-six years he has resided upon the same farm, and in that time has won a place among the successful agriculturists of his locality.

Mr. Whitworth married Miss Phoebe Ballard, whose birth occurred in Henry county, Illinois, on the 18th of November, 1858. Her parents, Samuel and Martha Ballard, came to Madison county in 1867, and here the father passed away but the mother is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Whitworth have one son, Lyle M., who was born on the 17th of October, 1886, and married Miss Mary Brown, a native of Pilot Mound, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas J. and Alice (Skidmore) Brown, natives of Illinois. Her father, who was a Methodist minister, died suddenly, being taken ill during a meeting, but her mother survives and makes her home in Indianola.

Mr. Whitworth is a republican and for many years held the office of township trustee, his services in that connection being very satisfactory. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he has been a member for twenty years, and she has been identified therewith since a girl of twelve years. Mr. Whitworth and his son are farming in partnership and own one hundred and twenty acres of rich land. They raise both grain and stock, finding that by so doing they receive the largest financial return from their land. Both are highly esteemed by those who have been associated with them and both are valued residents of their township.

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#### ANTHONY SCHOENENBERGER.

Anthony Schoenenberger, deceased, was a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Madison county, and was numbered among the capitalists of the county. He was born on the 27th of November, 1852, a son of Nicholas and Louisa (Tennis) Schoenenberger, who in 1855 settled in this county. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom survive, namely: John and Ed, both of whom are represented elsewhere in this work and both of whom reside in Walnut township; Henry, of Winterset; Lou and Christina, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Ida Tresa, who is living in Union county, this state. Further details concerning the lives of the parents are found in the sketch of John Schoenenberger.

Anthony Schoenenberger received a common-school education and in his youth was trained to agricultural pursuits. At an early age he began farming for himself and as he was not only energetic and progressive in the cultivation of his land and the care of his stock but also possessed marked business ability and managed his financial interests ably he became in time one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen of this county. He resided four miles west of East Peru, in Walnut township, and his farm home was a very attractive one. At his death, which occurred on the 3d of June, 1910, he left eleven hundred acres of fine land, all in a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings.

Mr. Schoenenberger was twice married, his first wedding being solemnized in Walnut township on the 19th of April, 1881, when Miss Emma Greer, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Greer, became his wife. Mrs. Schoenenberger passed away in 1887. She was the mother of two children: Walker, who is farming in

Alberta, Canada, and who married Miss Rose Moon; and Estella, who died when eight months old. On the 25th of September, 1904, Mr. Schoenenberger married Mrs. Rhoda (Fenimore) Hiatt, of East Peru. She is a daughter of William and Martha (Ogburn) Fenimore, the former of Scotch descent and both natives of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore were married in the Hoosier state but removed to Iowa in 1859, locating in Scott township, this county, upon the farm where their son, Anderson Fenimore, now resides. Mr. Fenimore, Sr., was a farmer and stockman by occupation during his active life but is now living retired at Carthage, Missouri, where he removed in 1909. He is eighty-one years of age and still enjoys excellent health and takes an interest in the events in his community and in the world at large. His wife passed away upon the farm in Scott township. Their daughter Rhoda became the wife of Joseph Hiatt and to this union were born four children, two of whom survive, Eulah and Vellma, who reside with their mother and are now attending college at Albany, Missouri. By her marriage to Mr. Schoenenberger she had two children, Frank and Merle, aged respectively eight and seven years, both of whom are attending the East Peru schools. Mrs. Schoenenberger continued to live upon the farm in Walnut township until 1910, when she rented it as well as the other land and removed to East Peru, where she is now living. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of that village and takes a part in its work. She was born in Scott township and has passed her entire life within the borders of this county, where she is widely and favorably known.

Mr. Schoenenberger gave his allegiance to the democratic party but was not active in political affairs as the oversight of his farming and stock-raising activities demanded his entire time and attention. He was not, however, lacking in public spirit but on the contrary participated in many movements that sought the welfare of the community. He was upright and honorable in all of his dealings and many there were who were glad to call him friend.

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#### ERNEST SLAVENS.

Ernest Slavens, who devotes his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with excellent results, is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 5, Madison township. His birth occurred in Nebraska in November, 1877, his parents being William and Adeline (Gowin) Slavens, both of whom are natives of Indiana. The father, a carpenter by trade, worked at that occupation in the Hoosier state for some years and subsequently went to Nebraska, where he remained for one year. On the expiration of that period he came to Iowa, locating near Colfax in Jasper county, where he cultivated rented land for a time. Returning to Indiana, he operated a rented farm in that state for some time and then removed to Oklahoma, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for eight years. At the present time he is living retired in Waukee, Dallas county, Iowa, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Ernest Slavens was reared and educated in Indiana and when a youth of thirteen began working as a farm hand, being thus employed for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Adair county, Iowa, and started



MR. AND MRS. ERNEST SLAVENS



out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating a rented tract of land near Stuart for two years. Subsequently he came to Madison county and after cultivating a rented tract for four years purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Madison township, which he improved and operated for some years. Disposing of that property, he bought his present place of one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 5, Madison township, which he has operated continuously since and which is now a valuable and excellently improved farm. The success which has come to him well entitles him to recognition among the substantial and representative agriculturists of his community.

In November, 1901, Mr. Slavens was united in marriage to Miss Sadie Fry, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Martha (Boyd) Fry, who were natives of Indiana and Ohio respectively. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Madison county, Iowa, and here the father carried on farming for some years. Subsequently he followed agricultural pursuits in Dallas county, this state, for a number of years but now makes his home with his children and is enjoying honorable retirement. His wife was called to her final rest in August, 1901. To Mr. and Mrs. Slavens has been born one child, Hazel, who is eleven years of age.

Mr. Slavens gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Friends church. He is a man of many excellent qualities of character, and his industry, integrity and ability have brought him a gratifying degree of prosperity.

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#### JAMES BREAKENRIDGE.

James Breakenridge is well known in agricultural circles of this county and all who have been brought into contact with him hold him in sincere respect. He owns the Maple Grove stock farm, which comprises a quarter section of splendid land on section 35, Jackson township, and is successfully engaged in raising shorthorn cattle.

The birth of Mr. Breakenridge occurred in Linn county, this state, on the 5th of December, 1860, and his parents were James and Clarinda (Scannel) Breakenridge. The father was born on the 14th of May, 1820, in Bennington, Vermont, and the mother was a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born on the 5th of March, 1830. The paternal grandfather was Colonel Francis Breakenridge, who was born in Bennington, Vermont, on the 12th of January, 1792, and who gained considerable fame in the War of 1812. He passed away on the 19th of January, 1869. His wife, who was before her marriage Miss Emily Babbitt, was born on the 13th of November, 1797, and died at Bennington, Vermont, on the 25th of February, 1836. The great-grandfather of our subject in the paternal line was James Breakenridge, who served as a lieutenant in a Vermont regiment in the Revolutionary war. He was one of the first colonists to oppose the autocratic rule of George III, who determined to make him an example to others who might prove recalcitrant. However, Lieutenant Breakenridge and fifty friends barricaded themselves in a house and withstood the bullets of those representing the king's government. The Vermont Gazetteer gives the details of the occurrence.

James Breakenridge, the father of our subject, learned the trade of spinner and worked in cotton mills in Vermont for some time and likewise followed the tanner's trade to some extent. He was also a brick and stone mason and worked on the Erie canal. In 1856 he made the overland journey to Linn county, Iowa, in a linchpin wagon. Conditions were then largely those of a pioneer region but he felt that the opportunities offered there more than compensated for the discomforts endured. He followed his trade of a brick and stone mason and had the contract for the lime material used in building Western College in Linn county. In 1872 he left that county and, using the same wagon, removed to Penn township, Madison county, where he continued to follow his trade and also farmed. He resided in that township until his death, which occurred on the 7th of November, 1882. He was a republican and quite active in politics in Madison county. His religious allegiance was given to the Evangelical church and he did much toward furthering the cause of Christianity in the communities in which he lived. His widow passed away on the 6th of February, 1889, having survived him for more than six years.

James Breakenridge was the fifth in a family of seven children and as his boyhood days were passed in Linn county he attended the pioneer district schools there in the acquirement of an education. In 1881 he began farming on his own account in Penn township, this county, and resided there until 1889, when he removed to Jackson township, taking up his residence on the homestead of his father-in-law. Subsequently he returned to Penn township, where he resided until 1908, when he removed to his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Jackson township, which he had purchased the year previous. He raises thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, representing the best strains in Iowa, and as he uses good business judgment in the management of his affairs his resources are constantly increasing. His farm is known as the Maple Grove stock farm and is one of the best kept up places in his locality.

On the 1st of February, 1888, Mr. Breakenridge and Miss Helen Perkins were united in marriage. She was born in New Hampshire and is a daughter of Erastus G. and Rosetta A. (Merrill) Perkins, the former born in Orange county, Virginia, May 20, 1822, and the latter in Charleston, New Hampshire, on the 21st of November, 1824. The father was educated at Newberry Seminary, in New Hampshire, and remained in that state until he was twenty-one years of age. For four years he engaged in the grocery business in New York city. In 1847, his father being congressman from New Hampshire, Erastus G. Perkins was appointed by President Pierce as clerk in the census office and for a time resided in Washington, D. C. In 1851 he came to this county and entered two hundred and forty acres of land from the government but after partly improving his place returned to New Hampshire, where he farmed for six years. He then came again to this county, bringing his family, and settled in Lincoln township, where he resided for ten years. He was postmaster, his home being the postoffice. He returned to Madison county in 1857 and there were then many evidences of the ravages of the hard winters of 1855 and 1856. Upon leaving Lincoln township he took up his residence on two hundred acres of land in Jackson township, where he resided until his death in 1889. In 1864 he was deputized county treasurer and recorder and he also served as county supervisor in addition to holding all of the township offices. He was quite active in the Grange, could be counted



upon to cooperate in any worthy movement and in 1865 was elected captain of the Lincoln Home Guards. He was a Methodist and helped to organize the West Star church and to erect its house of worship. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Mrs. Breakenridge is the second in order of birth. She has become the mother of four children, two of whom are living: Harold G., born September 14, 1894, who graduated from the Winterset high school in 1914 and is now at home; and Raymond D., born August 17, 1897, who is attending the Winterset high school. Aletha died in infancy and Glenn died when ten years of age.

Mr. Breakenridge is a republican and his opinions carry weight in the local councils of his party. He is at present serving as trustee of Jackson township and for several years was justice of the peace, while he has also been on the board of supervisors. His church membership is held in the West Star Methodist Episcopal church and he is a consistent and influential member of that society. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His ability is evident in the success which attends his stock-raising activities and his integrity and uprightness are manifest in his daily life.

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### JAMES H. McCONNELEE.

James H. McConnelee, a well known farmer of Union township, resided in Winterset during his last years and there passed away, his demise being the occasion of much regret. He was born in the state of New York on the 6th of April, 1833, of the marriage of William and Margaret (Hill) McConnelee, also natives of that state and of Scotch descent. When but six years of age he accompanied his parents on their removal to Logan county, Ohio, where he spent his boyhood and early youth. However, in the spring of 1855 the family emigrated still farther westward, settling in the vicinity of Iowa City, and the next spring they came to Madison county and located in Scott township.

Mr. McConnelee remained at home with his parents until his marriage and thereafter settled in Scott township. At one time he conducted a store in Patterson but on account of ill health traded his business for a farm in Union township and for many years devoted his energies to the improvement and development of that place, which comprised one hundred and sixty acres. The labor which he bestowed upon his farm was repaid by abundant crops, from the sale of which he received a good sum of money yearly. At length he removed to Winterset, where he passed away on the 18th day of December, 1891.

On the 5th of February, 1868, Mr. McConnelee was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Potter, a daughter of John and Jane (Fundy) Potter, both natives of New York and of Scotch and Dutch lineage respectively. They were married in Michigan but in 1854 located in the vicinity of Patterson, Crawford township, this county. The father bought land there and after farming for a number of years removed to Patterson and there passed away. His wife was called to her rest on the 18th of March, 1857, while living upon the farm in Crawford township. Mr. and Mrs. McConnelee adopted Alice Beerbower, a daughter of Eli

Beerbower, when she was but seven years old and gave her full measure of love and care. On the 14th of November, 1888, she became the wife of William T. Davis, a son of James R. and Margaret Davis, and to this marriage have been born four children. Ethel Margaret, whose birth occurred September 8, 1889, married Arthur Nicoson, a farmer of Warren county, Iowa, and they have three children, Merrill, and Mack and Mildred, twins. Sadie, born September 17, 1891, gave her hand in marriage to Boyd Porter, a liveryman of Truro. Harold James, born July 1, 1900, is attending the district schools. Vernon Leslie, who completes the family, was born August 8, 1908.

Mr. McConnelee was a republican and served for some time as clerk of Scott township with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Both he and his wife held membership in the United Presbyterian church and were important factors in the furtherance of its work. He took pardonable pride in his military record, which was highly creditable, as he served with the Union army from 1862 until the end of the war. He was a member of Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Brown, and was with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. He also participated in the battle of Corinth and in a number of other important engagements. He retained throughout his life a great interest in everything relating to the Civil war and was a loyal member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Winterset. He was not only connected with military and agricultural interests but was also a factor in the educational field, as following his removal to Madison county he taught until he enlisted in the army and after his return continued to follow that profession a few terms before giving his attention to farming. Whatever he did was done conscientiously and well and he was held in high estimation by all who came into contact with him. Although almost a quarter of a century has passed since he was called to his final rest his life is not forgotten and the memory of his honesty and integrity is an influence for good in his community.

Following Mr. McConnelee's death his widow removed to a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 26, Ohio township, which she owns and which her son-in-law, William T. Davis, is now operating. She has resided in the county for many years and has made a host of friends who hold her in warm regard.

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#### ALLEN H. ROWE.

Allen H. Rowe, a farmer owning one hundred and fifty-nine acres on section 14, Grand River township, is a native of that township, born on the 11th of September, 1870, a son of Martin Rowe, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Our subject was reared upon the home farm and received his education in the public schools. When he was twenty-seven years of age he engaged in farming on his own account, buying one hundred and fifty-nine acres of land from his father, and he has since concentrated his energies upon its cultivation and development. The place is improved with a good set of buildings and everything is kept in excellent repair, as he is energetic and progressive. He does general farming and derives a good income from his labors, which are wisely directed.

Mr. Rowe married Miss Nellie Gattenby, a daughter of J. K. Gattenby, an account of whose life is given elsewhere in this work. To this marriage have been born four children: Kenneth; Rollin; Herman, who died in infancy; and Allen. Mr. Rowe gives his political allegiance to the republican party and takes the interest of a good citizen in everything relating to the public welfare. A native son of the county, he has resided here all of his life, believing that the opportunities offered are the equal of those to be found elsewhere.

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### JOHN HINDMAN.

John Hindman, a retired farmer of East Peru and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born on the 10th of December, 1840, in Brooke county, West Virginia, a son of William and Jane (Cleland) Hindman. The father was born in Pennsylvania of Irish stock and the mother was a native of County Antrim, Ireland. When fifteen years of age she accompanied her parents to America and her marriage occurred in West Virginia. In 1844 Mr. and Mrs. Hindman went to Washington county, Ohio, where she passed away in 1852. In 1854 Mr. Hindman removed with his family to Madison county, Iowa, and the following year entered four hundred acres of land in Walnut and Scott townships. Later he traded that property for two hundred acres on section 15, Walnut township, on Clanton Creek. He died there in September, 1868, but representatives of the family lived on that farm for a half century. To him and his wife were born the following children besides our subject: James, deceased; William, who has passed away, leaving a son, Frank, now a farmer of Nance county, Nebraska; Robert, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah Jane and Margaret, all deceased; and Rebecca, who makes her home with our subject. She was born on the 24th of April, 1846, and is the youngest of the family.

John Hindman as a boy attended the Isaac Baker school, which was taught by Samuel Ruby, of Winterset. The greater part of his time, however, was taken up by assisting his father with the work of the farm until the 15th of August, 1862, when he answered the call of the president for troops by enlisting in Company A, Thirty-ninth Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Cummins. The command went into rendezvous at Des Moines and later was sent to Davenport. On Christmas Day, of that year, it left the state for active service and on New Year's Day, 1863, our subject took part in the battle of Parkers Crossroads, in Tennessee. He also fought in the battles of Stone River, Look-out Mountain and Missionary Ridge and was with Sherman in his march upon Atlanta. He was in the midst of much hard fighting, but escaped being wounded. He participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out of the service on the 5th of June, 1865. The following day he started for Iowa and was discharged at Clinton, this state. He returned home and resumed agricultural work. At the death of his father he took charge of the farm and continued to operate it until 1913. He was quite successful as an agriculturist and accumulated a competence that enabled him in that year to sell the farm, which comprised one hundred and seventy acres, and to move to East Peru, where

he and his sister Rebecca are now residing. In 1855 he and his brother William brought into the county the second threshing outfit ever used here. They had purchased it the year previous and first utilized it in threshing in the vicinity of Oskaloosa. For three years they did all of the threshing between Grand River and Indianola and the machine was considered a wonderful invention, although it would now seem very primitive, as it was of the old chaff piler pattern. While he was actively engaged in the work of the farm our subject raised thoroughbred shorthorn cattle and Berkshire hogs, having probably the best stock in the county. On the 8th of May, 1911, his home was destroyed by fire, burning to the ground, and but little of the furniture was saved. He immediately rebuilt, erecting a commodious and well designed residence.

Mr. Hindman and his sister are both members of the United Brethren church and are highly esteemed residents of the county, in which they have lived for a half century. He is a republican but has never felt any desire to hold office. For a number of years he was identified with the Grand Army of the Republic post at Truro, but has allowed his membership to lapse. He is public-spirited to a marked degree and was among those who gave one hundred dollars each to secure the first railroad in Winterset, realizing the immense advantage that would accrue to the town from having rail connection with outside points.

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#### WILLIAM M. DRAKE.

William M. Drake, who is engaged in farming and stockraising in Jackson township, is a native son of Madison county, born on the 10th of April, 1858, his parents being John R. and Amanda (Bigler) Drake. The former was born in New Jersey in 1826, and died in 1868, while the mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 29, 1828, passed away November 23, 1907, when she had reached the very advanced age of seventy-nine years. John R. Drake was employed as a drover in the eastern states until 1854, which year marked his arrival in the then "far west." He settled on a farm in Webster township, this county, when but few families had preceded him to this section and engaged in general farming and stock-raising, eventually becoming the owner of six hundred and forty acres. At the time of his death he owned four hundred and forty acres of this tract, comprising a part of the first land on which he located when he came to Madison county. He engaged quite extensively in the raising of cattle and was one of the first to bring Durham cattle to this county. He was a very active and busy man, devoting his entire time and attention to his farming and stock-raising interests. In politics he was a republican and was a member of the Methodist church.

William M. Drake, who is one of a family of seven children, acquired his education in the district schools of Webster township. At the age of eighteen years he began work as a farm laborer and when twenty years old took charge of the homestead, being thus engaged for two years. In 1880 he removed to Norton county, Kansas, where he took up a homestead, but because of the drouth in that state he returned to Madison county and for three years engaged in black-



WILLIAM M. DRAKE



smithing in Webster. In 1883 he made his way to Montana but only spent one year in that state, when he returned once more to Madison county, where he spent his time until 1886. In the latter year he again went to Norton county, Kansas, and there engaged in farming until 1900, when he once more came to Madison county, and has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising here. He has been successful in his chosen calling and is today the owner of two hundred and eighty-five acres of well improved land, on which good buildings are found.

Mr. Drake chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, Miss Mary M. Morse, whom he wedded on the 9th day of July, 1881. She is a native of Maine and a daughter of William H. and Maria (Verrill) Morse, who were pioneer settlers of the Pine Tree state and are now deceased, the father having passed away in 1901, at the age of sixty-eight years, while the mother, who was born in 1839, died in 1899. William H. Morse was a carpenter by trade. While still a resident of Maine, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Fifth Maine Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and served his country three and a half years. Following his service in the army, in 1865, he located in Henry county, Illinois, and for three years followed his trade in Geneseo, during which time he aided in the construction of several churches and many other buildings which stand as monuments to his skill and enterprise. From 1868 until 1873, he followed his trade in Adair county, Iowa, after which he located in Stuart, Iowa, and from that place removed to Des Moines, where he lived retired for many years. However, at the time of his death he was a resident of Florida. He was of a retiring manner but made friends wherever he went.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Drake has been blessed with two sons and two daughters, as follows: Nina, the wife of Ora C. Hart, a farmer of Webster township, by whom she has two sons, Floyd and George; Warren E., who was born July 27, 1888, and is engaged in farming and stock-raising in South Dakota; Cora B., who is a nurse employed in Indianola, Iowa; and Edgar W., who was born June 1, 1896. Mrs. Drake is an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church of Webster. Mr. Drake, following in the political footsteps of his father, has always supported the principles of the republican party. He is prominent and influential in the district where he now makes his home and his success has placed him among the well-to-do citizens of Madison county.

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#### IRA IRVIN TRINDLE.

Ira Irvin Trindle, a farmer residing on section 21, Jackson township, was born in Jefferson township, this county, on the 9th of June, 1867. His parents, John H. and Margaret (Holmes) Trindle, were both born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, the father on the 26th of August, 1831, and the mother on the 4th of January, 1833. John H. Trindle, who was a carpenter by trade, resided in the Hoosier state until 1854, when he removed to Warren county, Iowa, which remained his home until 1865. In that year he came to Jefferson township, Madison county, where he purchased land, which he continued to cultivate until his

death in 1882. He was active in the work of the United Brethren church. His widow continued to operate the farm and reared their children, of whom there were eight in all, our subject being the fifth in order of birth, training them so that they have become efficient and respected men and women. Two are now deceased and one is a missionary in China. The mother was living at Van Meter, Iowa, at the time of her demise, which occurred in 1908.

Ira I. Trindle received his education in the district schools of Jefferson township and in 1887, when twenty years of age, went to Nebraska, where he lived for a decade. At the end of that time he returned to his native county and has since devoted his time to farming here. He has, however, lived in several townships since his return but is now cultivating eighty acres of land on section 21, Jackson township, to which he holds title.

In 1892 Mr. Trindle married Miss Mary Brooker, who was born in Jefferson township and is a daughter of John and Mary (Hubbard) Brooker, the former born in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 11th of April, 1838, and the latter born in Lawrence county, Indiana, on the 20th of March, 1845. Both have passed away. Mr. Brooker removed with his parents to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1847, and after reaching mature years engaged in merchandising with his brothers, George and Gudliff. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry and went with his command to the front, where he participated in a number of hard-fought battles. Upon the close of hostilities he returned to Clayton county and resided there until 1867, when he came to this county, buying one hundred and forty acres of land in Jefferson township. In 1904 he moved to Winterset, passing away there in April of the same year. He was a republican and served upon the board of supervisors from 1892 to 1898. He was active not only in the political and civic affairs but also in the religious life of the community and was known for his honesty and integrity.

Mr. Trindle is a republican in politics but takes no part in public affairs other than to cast his ballot. His religious belief is indicated by his membership in the United Presbyterian church and he can be counted upon to forward a movement that seeks the moral betterment of his community.

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#### D. S. DE WITT.

D. S. De Witt, a well known farmer of Union township, was born in Hardin county, this state, on the 6th of October, 1871, a son of Seymour and Sarah De Witt, both natives of the Dominion of Canada. In 1868 they removed to Hardin county, Iowa, where the father became a substantial farmer, owning eight hundred acres of land. Both are now living at New Providence in the enjoyment of rest and leisure. Their religious faith is that of the Friends church. To them were born nine children, but the subject of this review and a brother are the only ones living in Madison county.

D. S. De Witt attended the district schools of Hardin county and the high school at New Providence. After completing his formal education he returned home and farmed with his father until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he began his independent business career and in addition to cultivating the soil



he dealt in farm land to some extent. In 1902 he removed to Madison county and purchased the Kennedy farm in Union township, later buying the Butler Bird farm. His holdings comprise two hundred and forty acres and in addition to general farming he feeds a number of cattle and hogs each year, thus deriving a good income from both phases of his work.

Mr. De Witt married Miss Minnie Mitchel, who was born in Hardin county, and they have four children, Rodney, Ruth, Louise and Alice. Mr. De Witt has been a democrat for twenty years and is most loyal to that party. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is an energetic and able farmer and the excellent condition of everything about his place testifies to the care which he bestows upon it. He has built two barns upon the property and has made many other improvements. In his work he uses the latest machinery and is always willing to apply the results of experiments along the line of scientific agriculture. It is a matter of just pride to him that his prosperity is due to his own efforts and good management.

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#### CHARLES LUDWIG HOENESS.

Charles Ludwig Hoeness, a prosperous and efficient farmer of Jackson township, is now living largely retired, having accumulated a competence in former years of labor. He was born in Erpflingen, Reutlingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 18th of November, 1848. The family history goes back to 1721, but, as the town and the records were destroyed during the Thirty Years' war, the ancestry cannot be definitely traced previous to that date. John Bernard Hoeness, who was born in 1721 and died in 1749, was a surgeon. His son, John Bernard, who was a farmer and brewer, was born in 1748 and passed away in 1834. Karl Ludwig, a son of the latter, was born in 1791 and died in 1830. He was a farmer by occupation and fought from 1813 to 1815 inclusive against Napoleon. His son Samuel was the father of Charles L. of this review.

Samuel Hoeness, who was born on the 22d of November, 1820, owned land in Germany and followed the occupation of a farmer. During his service in the German army he held the rank of sergeant and he was councilman of his village. He possessed an unusually keen mind and as he was also well read had considerable influence in his community. In 1898, after retiring from active life, he joined his son and passed away here on the 19th of July, 1901. He was a member of the Lutheran church and quite active in its affairs. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Kathrina Seigler, was born in 1818 and died in 1884. To their union were born six children and two of their sons became residents of the United States.

Charles L. Hoeness was given excellent educational advantages, attending both public and private schools in his native land. He worked upon his father's farm and also entered the employ of nearby farmers and by saving his earnings was at length enabled to purchase land which he operated until 1881. He then emigrated to America and made his way to McLean county, Illinois, which remained his home until 1894. In that year he came to this county and has since been numbered among the energetic and efficient farmers of Jackson township.

His farm of two hundred and ten acres is on section 23, and is all under cultivation and well improved. He is a general farmer and stockman and his work is done systematically and thoroughly, neither time nor energy being wasted. His resources have increased from year to year and he is now living largely retired, enjoying the leisure which is his just reward.

In 1877 Mr. Hoeness married Miss Elizabeth Schlegel, a daughter of George and Caroline (Schlegel) Schlegel, the former a farmer and landowner of Germany. Mrs. Hoeness was born in 1847 and passed away in 1887, leaving a son, Samuel G. In 1888 Mr. Hoeness was married to Miss Ursula Messner, who was born in Trossingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, a daughter of Paul and Caroline (Specht) Messner, the former born in 1816 and the latter born in 1819 in Stuttgart. Mr. Messner learned the printer's trade in Stuttgart and served the required length of time in the German army. He later turned his attention to farming. He was active in the German Lutheran church and was highly esteemed in his community. His wife passed away in 1872 and his demise occurred some years previous. To their union were born four children, two sons and one daughter of whom came to the United States. Mrs. Hoeness is the only one of the family now living. Mr. and Mrs. Hoeness have two children. Helen, who attended Earlham Academy, is a teacher in the district schools and Katherine, who attended the Winterset high school is now teaching the home school. Helen is also a Sunday school teacher and both are very active in all lines of church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Hoeness is a republican and for seven years served as township trustee. He is a valued member of the United Presbyterian church at Pitzer and has always taken a great interest in its work. In all things he is progressive and his influence has invariably been given to the side of right and truth.

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#### MARTIN GRISWOLD.

Martin Griswold, for many years a farmer in Madison township, this county, was born in Ohio in 1818, a son of Hezekiah and Mary Griswold, who were likewise natives of that state. They owned an orchard comprising sixty acres of land and in addition to engaging quite extensively in the fruit business the father carried on general farming. Both passed away in the Buckeye state.

Martin Griswold was reared and educated in Ohio and remained with his parents until he reached mature years. He was then married and subsequently came to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here just before the close of the Civil war. He bought land in Grand River township, which he operated for four years, and then sold it, removing to section 2, Madison township, where he purchased eighty acres. He began to improve the place and in the course of time made it one of the attractive farm properties of his locality. He gained a competence from his agricultural labor and was regarded as a capable farmer. He passed away upon his land, December 14, 1880.

Mr. Griswold was married on the 5th of October, 1860, to Miss Mary Jane Withrow, a daughter of James and Mary (Williams) Withrow, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Kentucky. The father, who was a shoe-



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maker by trade, went to Ohio at an early day and resided there for a number of years, before he returned to Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold became the parents of five children: John A., who died in July, 1905; D. M., a farmer of Madison township, this county; E. B., the proprietor of the Griswold Medicine Company of Des Moines; Joseph, who is living in Ohio; and Emma J., who died in February, 1907.

Mr. Griswold was a republican and was unwavering in his allegiance to that party. He was a member of the Baptist church, was a sincere Christian and did all in his power to advance the cause of Christianity. Mrs. Griswold is a devout member of the Methodist church. She has resided upon the farm since her husband's death with the exception of four years which she spent in Dexter, Iowa. She now rents the land to C. P. Cline and derives a comfortable income therefrom.

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#### EDGAR E. POMEROY.

Edgar E. Pomeroy, a carpenter of St. Charles, has also been identified with agricultural interests in the county. He was born and reared in South township, this county, his birth occurring on the 7th of January, 1871. His parents, N. P. and Sarah (Collins) Pomeroy, were natives of Ohio, the former of Holmes and the latter of Clinton county. The paternal grandfather, John Pomeroy, farmed in Ohio, but passed away in St. Charles while on a visit here. The maternal grandfather, James Collins, followed agricultural pursuits in Clinton county, Ohio, for many years, but his death occurred in this county.

N. P. Pomeroy remained in Holmes county, Ohio, until he was twenty-seven years of age and in 1854 made his first visit to Madison county. He returned to Ohio but subsequently purchased land in this county and took up his residence thereon. His brother George also bought a farm in South township, which is now in possession of our subject. N. P. Pomeroy subsequently bought two hundred acres more, his second farm being located in Ohio township. He resided upon the homestead for many years and was very successful as a general farmer and stockman. His political belief was that of the democratic party and he and his wife were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was connected with the financial interests of the county as a stockholder in the Bank of St. Charles. He passed away on the 15th of September, 1911, at St. Charles when he was eighty-three years of age and his wife is still living there at the age of seventy-three. To them were born seven children, as follows: G. C., of Gray county, Kansas; Margaret, who died in this county; J. C., a farmer of Phelps county, Nebraska; Mrs. Amanda Wilcox, of Madison county; Mrs. Ella Sayres, of Gray county, Kansas; Edgar E.; and Mrs. Daisy Hill, of this county. Margaret, who became the wife of Stephen Bradshaw, was a teacher for some time and Daisy served for two terms as deputy county recorder.

Edgar E. Pomeroy owns about one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land in South township and operates a part of his land. He learned the carpenter's trade and for a number of years has given the greater part of his time and attention to work along that line, finding it more congenial than farming. For the past

six years he has resided in St. Charles and has gained recognition as one of the leading carpenters of his town.

On the 17th of January, 1894, Mr. Pomeroy was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Martin, who was born on the 12th of November, 1865, in South township, this county. Her parents, James and Mary (Cramer) Martin, who are now both deceased, were married in Pennsylvania and came here in the fall of 1853 from Edenburg, that state. Mr. Martin was of Irish parentage, his mother being born in Derry county, Ireland, and his father upon the ocean while his parents were crossing to America. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Pomeroy located in Pennsylvania in 1794 and her grandfather, Boyd Martin, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a surveyor by profession and laid out the city of Newcastle, Pennsylvania. Her father was a farmer by occupation and died in this county in 1865 when still a young man. Her mother survived until the 8th of March, 1892, being seventy-three years of age when called to the home beyond. They were the parents of five children: Martha, the wife of Thomas Scriviner, of South township; Isabelle, now Mrs. King, of St. Joseph, Missouri; J. B., of South township, who is farming a part of the homestead; J. G., a stock buyer of Patterson; and Mrs. Pomeroy.

Mr. Pomeroy is a republican and is stanch in his allegiance to that party. Fraternally he belongs to the Yeomen and his wife is a social member. He was formerly identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows but is not active in that organization now. Both he and his wife attest their religious faith by their membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and by their uprightness and charity. They have a comfortable home in St. Charles.

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#### WILLARD FENIMORE.

Willard Fenimore, who is recognized as one of the most progressive farmers and stockmen of Jackson township, was born in Scott township, this county, on the 12th of August, 1867, a son of William and Martha (Ogburn) Fenimore. The father, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, on the 11th of January, 1834, continued to reside there until 1854, when he came overland to Madison county, Iowa, and became identified with the agricultural interests of Scott township, where he owned seven hundred and fifteen acres of land. He fed stock extensively and was very successful, his labors yielding him a good income. When he came to this county he found much land that was not under cultivation and many evidences that a few years before the region had been an unbroken prairie. He was quite active in civic affairs, although without political aspiration. Removing to Peru in 1870, he became president of the Bank of Peru and also engaged in general merchandising. In 1908 he removed to Roswell, New Mexico, where he dealt extensively in land, but in 1910 he took up his residence in Diamond, Missouri, and in November, 1914, removed to Carthage, that state, where he is now living retired. He is a member of the Christian church and politically supports the prohibition party. He has been married three times. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Martha Ogburn, was born in Indiana in

1837 and passed away in 1875. She was the mother of ten children, of whom Willard is the seventh in order of birth.

Willard Fenimore attended the district schools of Scott township, this county, and also did his part of the work of the farm, thus becoming familiar with agricultural methods. When twenty-one years of age he purchased land in Scott township and was engaged in farming and stock-raising there until 1903, when he removed to Jackson township, where he is now living, his farm comprising one hundred and fifty-five acres of land. He specializes in the buying, selling, feeding and shipping of cattle and, as he is an excellent judge of stock and understands the proper proportioning of rations, his cattle are in good condition when sold and bring a high price upon the market. He also raises some grain and in all of his work manifests a commendable spirit of progress.

In 1888 Mr. Fenimore married Miss Iva A. Moore, who was born in Parke county, Indiana, a daughter of James F. and Martha (Noble) Moore, the former of whom was born in North Carolina in 1827 and the latter in Kentucky in 1831. The father became a resident of Indiana in 1849 and was one of the early settlers of his locality. He began farming in Putnam county and for a number of years followed that occupation there. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in an Indiana regiment of infantry and proved a brave soldier. Following the close of the war he removed to Missouri and in 1873 settled in Walnut township, this county. Two years later, however, he removed to Mahaska county, Iowa, where he resided until 1883, when he returned to Madison county, but he passed away at New Sharon in 1908. He at first gave his allegiance to the green-back party but later became a republican, and while living at Old Peru he was quite active in the work of the United Presbyterian church. His widow is still living and resides in Mahaska county. They were the parents of eight children, Mrs. Fenimore being the fifth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore have three children: Mabel, the wife of Frank W. Comp, a farmer of Jackson township; Irma, the wife of George Finney, a farmer and school teacher of Jackson township; and Virgil, who was born in October, 1895, and is at home assisting his father.

Mr. Fenimore supports the democratic party at the polls but has no political aspirations. He is an influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church and gives not only of his money but of his time to the furthering of its aims. No movement for the good of the community appeals to him in vain and he is one of those citizens whose lives count in the advancement of public interests as well as in the attainment of individual success.

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#### L. M. BERTHOLF.

L. M. Bertholf, a well known farmer residing on section 20, Lincoln township, was born upon the farm which is still his home in 1855, a son of A. H. Bertholf, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He passed the period of his boyhood and youth upon the home farm and as the years went by he assisted his father more and more with the work of cultivating the fields and during the winter months attended the district schools. He took his part in community affairs

and on reaching mature years continued to devote his energies to agricultural pursuits. There have been few striking events in his life but his steady, persistent labor and wise management have not only brought him individual success but have been factors in promoting the prosperity of his community. He is now the owner of the old homestead and in all has four hundred and sixty acres of fertile land. He follows general farming, finding that more profitable than devoting his time to one branch of agriculture.

Mr. Bertholf was married in Dallas county, Iowa, to Miss Sarah J. Williamson, who was born in Davis county, this state, on the 4th of February, 1860, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Adams) Williamson. Her father was born in England on the 17th of September, 1835, but was brought by his father to the United States when but eight years of age. He was married in Davis county, Iowa, to Miss Mary Adams, who was born in Indiana on the 22d of February, 1839. After farming for some time in Davis county Mr. Williamson removed to Madison county and still later to Dallas county. Both he and his wife are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bertholf have been born six children: Edna, the wife of C. T. Cummins, of Lincoln township; Ray, who married Myrtle Burch, of Winterset, and now resides in Des Moines; D. D., a resident of Muncie, Indiana, who married Stella Pratt, of Winterset, Iowa, and has two children, Lucile and Aileen; Mamie, who is a school teacher by profession and resides at home; Don, a resident of Des Moines, who married Pearl Harper, of Winterset, and has one child; and Cole, who is attending the East high school of Des Moines.

Mr. Bertholf is a democrat and has served as trustee and school director. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of Winterset and is well known in the local camp. He is one of the well-to-do farmers of his locality and the success that has attended his efforts is well deserved.

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#### ISAAC J. KETMAN.

Isaac J. Ketman is prominently identified with the industrial expansion and growth of Winterset as one of the owners of the Scarless Remedy Company and of the Munson Manufacturing Company, both prosperous concerns. He was born in Humboldt county, Iowa, on the 12th of February, 1874, of the marriage of Henry J. and Frances (Deschmidt) Ketman, both natives of the Netherlands, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1835. Upon emigrating to the United States in 1847 the father settled in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin. He became a farmer and resided there until 1867. In the meantime he had married and, several sons having been born to him and desiring to raise them where they would not come under the influence of saloons, he removed to Iowa in that year, becoming a resident of Humboldt county. He was active as a farmer and stockman there until 1885 and was well known as an extensive shipper of cattle. He was quite prominent in the German community in that county and his reputation for strict honesty and incorruptible integrity extended over a wide district. In 1885 he removed to Dakota City and was made president of the Humboldt County Bank. He was the owner of a large amount of land and was one of the substantial men of his locality. He never desired political office but was at one time





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appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of supervisors. His religious faith was that of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon, and he spared neither time nor money in advancing the cause of Christianity. He passed away in 1909 at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife is still living and is residing in Palo Alto, California.

Isaac J. Ketman was the thirteenth in a family of fourteen children and received his education in Dakota City and in Central University at Pella, Iowa. When but sixteen years of age he began working as a farm hand and thus provided for his own support. His parents believed in the value of a good education, and he was given stock in two building corporations, the dividends on which he was to use in attending school. Although both companies went into bankruptcy it was not necessary for him to work his way through college. In 1896, when twenty-two years of age, he came to Winterset and engaged in the shoe business with H. D. Aikens. He retained his interest in that business until 1906, although in 1900 he organized the Scarless Remedy Company, which has since required a great deal of his time. He first manufactured only the Scarless Liniment, but as the trade name became more widely known and the volume of his business increased, he added other remedies until the company now makes fifteen stock and poultry preparations. He is president of the company and has had much to do with its growth and development. It now employs four traveling salesmen and the territory in which the name Scarless is associated with high grade stock preparations is constantly increasing. In 1913 he organized the Munson Manufacturing Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer and which makes revolving cultivator shields and advertising novelties. Although it has been in existence but a short time, it has already proved a paying proposition and its products have gained a high reputation.

Mr. Ketman was married in 1897 to Miss Eleanor Aikens, who was born in Marion county, Iowa, a daughter of Henry D. and Ann Eliza (Weber) Aikens, born respectively in Pennsylvania in 1844 and in Indiana in 1845. The father came to this state in 1855, locating on a farm near Pella. In 1864 he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, at Pella and served until the close of hostilities. As he was a splendid penman, he acted as secretary to his commanding officer. Upon his return to civil life he ran a mill at Pella and was also engaged in the general merchandise business there. In 1896 he came to Winterset and was a shoe dealer here until his death, which occurred in 1914. Both in Pella and in Winterset he was known as an active worker in the Baptist church, holding all of the official positions therein. His wife is still living in Winterset. Mrs. Ketman, who was the third in a family of four children, has become the mother of five children: Lillian, born April 9, 1899; Florence, whose birth occurred on the 26th of November, 1904; Henry, whose natal day was the 28th of April, 1908; Evelyn, born May 17, 1911; and Carol, born December 25, 1913.

Mr. Ketman exercises his right of franchise in support of the candidates of the republican party but has never desired office. He has, however, served as a member of the board of education and takes a great interest in everything relating to the welfare of the public schools. He is one of the active and influential members of the Baptist church, in which he is deacon, and is quite prominent in Sunday-school work. For three years he served as president of the Commercial

Club and under his direction that body was able to accomplish much for the growth of Winterset. The two companies which he organized and which he largely controls are valuable additions to the industrial life of the city and he has proved himself a business man of aggressiveness and sound judgment. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M. He is one of the most widely known men of Winterset and also one of the most sincerely respected, as he has not only succeeded financially but has attained prosperity without having had recourse to questionable methods. It is well known that he observes the highest rules of business ethics and his success has never been at the expense of someone else's failure.

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#### WESLEY ROBERTS.

Wesley Roberts, who was a well known farmer of Madison county, passed away at his home in St. Charles on the 16th of March, 1910. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of February, 1842, a son of J. D. and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Roberts, who spent their entire lives at Scenery Hill, that county. The father was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith. They were the parents of seven children, of whom one brother and two sisters are deceased and three sisters are living.

Wesley Roberts was reared in the Keystone state and when a young man was called upon to decide whether or not he would go to the defense of the Union at the risk of his life, and, like so many others, put the need of his country above all else and became a Union soldier. He enlisted on the 12th of August, 1862, when he lacked six months of being twenty years old, and was enrolled as a member of Company B, Twenty-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He served for almost three years, holding the rank of a noncommissioned officer, and was discharged on the 1st of May, 1865. He returned home and in March of the following year made his way westward, settling in Madison county, Iowa, where he continued to reside until called by death. He first located north of Winterset and for a year lived with a sister but at the end of that time purchased one hundred and twenty acres on Clanton Creek in South township and for twenty-six years resided there. By that time he had accumulated more than a competence and, desiring to put aside the greater part of his care and responsibility, he purchased forty acres of land just south of St. Charles and took up his abode upon that property. In 1906 he became a resident of St. Charles, buying and improving the home where his widow still resides.

On the 18th of February, 1869, Mr. Roberts was married in this county to Miss Mary Madaline Johnston, a daughter of the late Jehu M. Johnston, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, as follows: Walter M., whose birth occurred on the 15th of January, 1870, died on the 20th of February, 1873. Cora D., born on the 17th of November, 1873, gave her hand in marriage to E. L. Slinker, of Ohio township, this county, who is now a salesman for Dr. Koch, and they reside at Payette, Idaho. They have three living children, Cora Blanche, Paul W. and Eunice Myrtle, and have lost three. Carrie Myrtle, born on the 23d of July, 1875, is the wife of

F. F. Lytle, a farmer and mechanic of Truro, and they have three children living, Jennie Fae, Lyle Raymond and Wendell Roberts, while Forrest, their first born, died when four years of age. Lucy Elizabeth, whose birth occurred on the 15th of January, 1879, died September 6, 1891. Nettie died on the 3d of September, 1881, when but a day old. Clyde and Harry, twins, were born October 8, 1884, and Clyde passed away on the 23d of August, 1885. Harry, who operates the home farm near St. Charles, married Miss Blanche Trumbar, a daughter of E. J. Trumbar, of Hanley, this county, and they have a son, Clyde, who is one year old.

Mr. Roberts was a democrat where national issues were definitely involved but otherwise was independent in the exercise of his franchise. For six terms he served as assessor of South township and was strictly impartial in discharging his duties, thus gaining the approval of his constituents. He was a member of the Masonic order and of the Grand Army of the Republic, and his wife and daughters belong both to the Eastern Star and to the Woman's Relief Corps. He was an earnest worker in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member, as are also his widow and family. Early in life he determined to build his career upon the tried principles of industry and integrity, and that course of action continued in led to the attainment of material prosperity and the high regard of his fellow citizens.

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#### JAMES SMITH.

James Smith, deceased, was one of the well known and progressive farmers of Lincoln township and his demise in 1898 was the occasion of sincere grief to many. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, February 15, 1816, and in 1860 he removed to Iowa, arriving here on the 6th of August—the day before the total eclipse of the sun. He purchased land in Lincoln township and devoted his time and attention exclusively to the development of his farm, which became one of the up-to-date and splendidly improved agricultural properties of his locality. He not only cultivated the fields but also raised a good grade of stock, and his labors yielded him a good income year by year.

In 1840 Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah Ann Stubbs, who passed away September 9, 1863, and for his second wife he wedded Miss Martha Johnson, who was called to her final rest on the 13th of December, 1896. He was the father of thirteen children: Sarah S., the wife of George Proctor, of Adair county, Iowa; William S. and I. T., deceased, the latter dying in Ohio; Elizabeth A., the wife of J. W. Leinard, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary M., who gave her hand in marriage to M. C. Leinard, of Winterset; Minerva, now Mrs. T. I. Killam, of St. Charles, Iowa; Margaret, who was a twin of Minerva and died in childhood; James N., of St. Charles; one who died in infancy; Martin J., engaged in farming in Lincoln township; Nina B., the wife of J. A. Hale, of Winterset; Effie, who died in 1871; and Maggie M., who married F. M. Daniels, of Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Mr. Smith became a member of the Methodist church when a youth of twelve and from that time until his demise regularly attended its services and was an active worker in the organization. For a quarter of a century he was class leader,

and his influence was productive of much good in his community. His political allegiance was given to the republican party. He performed well the work that was given him to do and those who knew him still remember him as a man of sterling character, of commendable public spirit and of much kindness of heart.

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#### R. MURRAY MOORE.

Among the up-to-date and energetic agriculturists of Penn township is R. Murray Moore, who is a native of Illinois, born November 26, 1857. His parents, Joseph W. and Hannah A. (Buchanan) Moore, were both natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and became residents of Illinois at an early day in the history of that state. The father farmed there until 1866, when he removed with his family to Boone county, Iowa. Nine years later he left that county and came to Madison county, where he purchased land in Jackson township. He operated that place until 1892, when the property came into the possession of our subject and the father moved to Penn township, where he farmed for a few years. At the end of that time he and his wife retired and resided at Dexter, Dallas county, until the latter's demise, which occurred on the 15th of September, 1907. Since that time the father has made his home among his children.

R. Murray Moore was reared in Boone and Madison counties and there attended the public schools, supplementing his education so acquired by study in a business college at Des Moines. When twenty-three years of age he rented land, which he operated for a number of years. He then purchased a quarter section in Adair county, Iowa, which he cultivated in partnership with his brother-in-law for four years. During that time, however, he bought seventy acres more just across the line in Madison county and at the end of the four years he sold out and purchased the homestead in Jackson township, this county, which he farmed for seven years. Upon selling that property he went to Adair county again and there purchased an eighty acre tract of land. A year later he traded for one hundred and twenty acres in the same county, which he operated for four years. He next sold that farm and returned to Jackson township, Madison county, buying the old Niblo place, comprising a quarter section. Four years later he sold out and purchased two hundred and twenty-five acres in Penn and Madison townships. Some time later he disposed of the twenty-five acres lying in Madison township but still owns and operates the two hundred acres on section 13, Penn township. He has one of the finest places in the county and has taken advantage of all of the inventions which promise to make the work of the farmer more efficient and his life richer and fuller. His residence is thoroughly modern and supplied with conveniences that are often associated only with city life. His energy and progressive spirit are salient factors in the success which has rewarded his labor and his example is one that might well be followed by others.

In December, 1893, Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Barr, a daughter of Joseph and Eliza A. (Watson) Barr, natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. The father farmed in the Buckeye state until 1875.



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when he removed to this county. He continued to devote his time to agricultural pursuits after his removal here and was so engaged until his demise, which occurred in February, 1884. His widow passed away on the 16th of December, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have two children: Joseph Ross, a youth of eighteen, who is attending Earlham Academy; and James Guy, fifteen years of age, also a student in that institution.

Mr. Moore is a republican but has no political aspirations, his private interests demanding his entire time. He is much interested in the work of the Presbyterian church, to which he belongs, and contributes to its support. In addition to the cultivation of the soil he raises and feeds quite a number of cattle annually and finds that phase of his business profitable. He has contributed not a little to the agricultural development of his community and has at the same time gained gratifying material prosperity for himself.

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### JACOB M. HOCHSTETLER.

Jacob M. Hochstetler, who has achieved more than usual success as a farmer and stock-raiser, owns an excellent farm on sections 28 and 29, Penn township. His birth occurred on the 17th of February, 1840, near Farmerstown, Holmes county, Ohio, his parents being Moses and Eve (Miller) Hochstetler. The father was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, of Swiss and German parentage, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry. They were married in Ohio and there located upon a farm, where both passed away. The father was progressive and active and was successful in his agricultural labors.

Jacob M. Hochstetler traces his ancestry back to one Jacob Hochstetler, who, on the 1st of September, 1736, arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the good ship Ralph Harle from Rotterdam, Holland. In the history of the Hochstetler family compiled and published by Rev. Harvey and William Hochstetler and entitled, *The Descendants of Jacob Hochstetler, the Immigrant of 1736*, it is shown that there have been ninety-one thousand, seventy-nine heads of families bearing the name Hochstetler and descended from Jacob Hochstetler.

Mr. Hochstetler of this review attended the district schools of Ohio when a boy but as he was allowed to go to school only when his services were not needed upon the farm, he attended only from thirty to thirty-eight days each year. When fifteen years of age he left school and removed to northern Indiana, where he worked at the carpenter's trade. He had served as an apprentice for two years in Ohio and continued his apprenticeship for a year after taking up his abode in the Hoosier state. At the end of that time he began to work at his trade and became known as an excellent carpenter. In 1868 he removed to Iowa and located just across the road from his present farm, buying eighty acres on section 28, Penn township. He has added to his first purchase and now holds title to three hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, eighty thereof being his present homestead on section 29, Penn township, a quarter section lying on section 28, Penn township, and another eighty acre tract being situated on section 8, Jack-

son township. All of the land is improved, under cultivation and well drained and he derives a handsome income from farming and stock-raising. For forty-seven years he has been a farmer of Penn township and has at all times taken great pride in his work, seeking to gain in efficiency as the years have passed.

In 1867 Mr. Hochstetler was married in Indiana to Miss Hilpah Pease, a daughter of Shubel M. and Mary (Everett) Pease. Her father, who was born in Germany, went to England when but a youth and there met his future wife, who was a native of that country. They came to the United States when young and were married in Massachusetts. Later they migrated westward and located in Licking county, Ohio, where the father followed the wheelwright's trade but subsequently the family home was established in Indiana, and the father erected the first sawmill in Elkhart county, that state. He died at Goshen, Indiana, at the beginning of the Civil war and his widow subsequently came to Iowa and made her home with our subject, passing away when seventy-nine years of age. Mrs. Hochstetler died on the 27th of February, 1914, at Crescoe, Iowa, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eva A. Calison. A son, Charles Henry, who was born on the 18th of May, 1872, married Miss Lillian L. May, a daughter of George May, and they have four children: Paul, who was born on the 5th of March, 1906; Eva, whose birth occurred on the 19th of November, 1908; Francis, born October 20, 1909; and Anna, whose natal day was the 23d of February, 1913. Charles H. Hochstetler for two years served as deputy county treasurer and on the 15th of January, 1909, was appointed treasurer to fill out a short term. Subsequently he was elected to the office, the duties of which he discharged with ability and conscientiousness. Upon the expiration of his term he returned to the homestead and assists his father with the cultivation of the land. He is a republican and for ten years was township clerk of Penn township. Fraternally he is identified with Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 293, A. F. & A. M., of Dexter, Iowa; and Winterset Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M. The second child of our subject and his wife, Mamie E., was born on the 10th of April, 1874, and is at home. Eva A., born on the 9th of December, 1876, married M. S. Calison, a jeweler of Crescoe, Iowa, and they have a daughter, Ruth, born July 4, 1909. Everett E., whose birth occurred on the 13th of October, 1878, married Miss Ina Lyddon, and they have two children: Cecil, born on the 20th of September, 1905; and Clifford, born January 20, 1907. Everett E. Hochstetler is farming in Guthrie county, Iowa, and is meeting with gratifying success in his work. Lulu L., born on the 25th of March, 1880, married Theodore Davies and they conduct a restaurant at Crosby, North Dakota.

Mr. Hochstetler, who is a republican in political belief, was for one term township treasurer and also served acceptably as president of the township school board. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Penn township, to the support of which he contributes generously. He is identified with Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 293, A. F. & A. M., of Dexter, Iowa; Damascus Chapter, No. 97, R. A. M., of Stuart, Iowa; Alhambra Commandery, K. T., of Stuart; and Tabernacle Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Des Moines, Iowa Consistory. He is still actively engaged in farming, although he has passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey and also gives much attention to stock-raising, feeding a large number of cattle and hogs each year. He is one of the substantial men of his township and throughout life has been a good

citizen, measuring up to a high standard of manhood. He is widely known throughout the county and those who have been most intimately associated with him hold him in the highest esteem, which is indubitable proof of genuine worth.

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#### A. HARVEY NELSON.

A. Harvey Nelson, a farmer and stockman residing on section 20, Jackson township, is a native of Madison county, Indiana, born August 4, 1851. His parents, William A. and Mary (Hagey) Nelson, were born respectively in Virginia, August 17, 1827, and in Pennsylvania, May 17, 1831. The father accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana in 1835, the family settling in the timber, where four men made a clearing and built a cabin, which was their first home in the Hoosier state. They resided in Indiana until 1867 and the homestead, which comprised one hundred and forty acres, yielded good crops annually. William A. Nelson was sheriff of his county for two terms and justice of the peace for many years, and also held the office of township trustee. While living in Indiana he was a member of the New Light church. In 1867 he removed to Knox county, Illinois, but two years later took up his residence in Mercer county, that state, where he purchased eighty acres of land in 1873. The first spring that he resided there he was elected road commissioner. On the 17th of January, 1876, he removed to Stuart, Adair county, Iowa, and resided upon a farm in that locality until 1883. He was an extensive raiser of Poland China hogs, which he sold on the market at a good profit, and was progressive in all that he did. He was independent and courageous in support of his convictions. He passed away on the 19th of October, 1908, having survived his wife for twenty years, her demise occurring April 26, 1888, in Adair county. To them were born eight children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth.

A. Harvey Nelson received his formal schooling in Indiana and Illinois and through assisting his father with the farm work gained valuable knowledge of agricultural methods and practices. He has never followed any other occupation and has never been in the employ of anyone besides the members of his family. He began farming upon rented land in Illinois and on leaving that state removed to Adair county, Iowa, where he lived for three years. He then went to the vicinity of Redfield, Dallas county, where he lived for four years, and in 1881 purchased the farm in Jackson township, Madison county, which has since been his home, his period of residence here covering thirty-four years. He owns three hundred and eighty-two acres of land and his place is provided with all of the equipments of the twentieth century farm. He raises, feeds and ships hogs; buys, sells and ships cattle; and also raises horses, finding the stock business very profitable. He is now well-to-do and derives much satisfaction from the knowledge that all that he has is the result of his own labor and good management.

In 1875 Mr. Nelson was married to Miss Amanda C. Jackson, a native of Warren county, Illinois, and a daughter of Harrison and Roxina (Holcomb) Jackson, the former born in Wayne county, Indiana, September 27, 1820, and the latter in Ohio, February 8, 1821. Mr. Jackson began life a poor man and at the

time of his marriage his home was a one-room house which was practically destitute of furniture. In 1849 he and his family removed to Van Buren county, Iowa, but shortly afterward went to Knox county, Illinois, where they lived for two years. They next went to Warren county, that state, where Mr. Jackson became a landowner and accumulated a competence. He was a democrat but confined his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise. He found his greatest pleasure in his home life and devoted his entire time and energy to the improvement of his land. He was a pioneer of Warren county and did his share in the development of that section. He passed away on the 20th of May, 1899, and his wife died on the 28th of November, 1893. They were the parents of ten children, of whom Mrs. Nelson is the seventh. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson eight children have been born; Bertha became the wife of Frank Bruce, a farmer of Wall, South Dakota, and died leaving three children, Marion, Leon and Helen; Orville, born April 29, 1878, is a farmer and stockman, owning land in Taylor county, Iowa, and has three children, Lyle, Ivan and Horace; William Harrison, a farmer, stock-raiser and landowner of Clearfield, South Dakota, who was born November 8, 1879, is married and has two children, Gleda and Violet; Mabel is the wife of Charles Eyerly, a farmer of Crawford township, by whom she has four children, Nelson, Nellie, Clifford and Reva; Grover Cleveland, born July 8, 1885, is a farmer of Roswell, South Dakota; Floyd Jackson, born February 7, 1889, is a farmer and landowner of Jackson township and has a daughter, Opal; Anna L. is the wife of Ray Bond, a farmer of Jackson township; and Earl, born April 2, 1894, is at home.

Mr. Nelson has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and is active in the counsels of that party. He is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M. of Winterset. When the Patrons of Husbandry, or the Grange, was a growing organization he and his wife were quite active therein and both held office. He realized early in life that in this country success can be gained by the exercise of sound judgment and close application to work, and he determined to become a successful farmer and stockman. He attained his ambition and is today ranked among the substantial agriculturists of his county, while his honorable business methods and his upright life have gained him the sincere respect of his fellowmen.

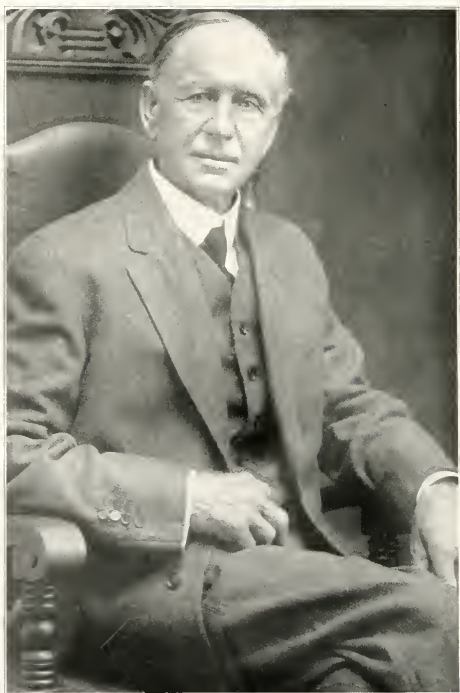
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#### HENRY FELKNER DEVAULT.

A fine farm on section 29, Jackson township, is the property of Henry Felkner Devault and yields him good crops annually in return for his care and labor. Mr. Devault was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, on the 22d of December, 1837, a son of Charles and Rachel (Felkner) Devault, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born near Chillicothe, in Ross county, and the latter in Columbus. They are buried in the Solon cemetery near the town of Solon in Johnson county, Iowa. More detailed mention of them is made on another page of this volume.

Henry F. Devault acquired his early education in the district schools of Johnson county, Iowa. For some time he pursued his studies in a primitive log





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schoolhouse heated by a fireplace and lighted by oiled paper windows, while the seats were made of puncheons. Later he attended Western College in Linn county and Cornell College at Mount Vernon, Iowa. Feeling that his country needed his services during the Civil war, he enlisted on the 11th of August, 1862, with his brother, Andrew Jackson, in Company H, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The company rendezvoused at Shueyville and joined the regiment at Iowa City, whence they were sent to Davenport. From that point they took a boat down the Mississippi to St. Louis and from there proceeded to Rolla, Missouri, and thence to Houston, that state, going later to West Plains, Iron Mountain, St. Genevieve and Vicksburg. Landing at Milliken's Bend, they became a part of the army under the command of General Grant, their first battle being at Port Gibson on the 1st of May, 1863. They participated in the battle of Champion's Hill, which occurred May 16th, Lawler's charge of Black River bridge, May 17th, being at that time a part of Lawler's Brigade, and in the siege of Vicksburg from May 19th to July 4th. It was during this siege that the brother, Andrew J., died of typhoid fever, and he is buried in the National cemetery at Vicksburg. Our subject was also in Grant's famous charge on May 22, 1863, when they tried to take Vicksburg by force and in the engagement at Jackson, July 8, 1863. On the 19th of September, 1864, Mr. Devault participated in the first charge made on the enemy near Winchester, Virginia, where he was severely wounded, the first finger on the right hand being shot off and the second finger so injured that it has remained stiff ever since. In that engagement the Union forces were driven back but when the second charge was made about four hours later the enemy was routed. He was made sergeant of his company and proved an intrepid soldier, never losing but one day's march during his service and being incapacitated by illness that day. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged at Concord, New Hampshire, July 1, 1865, and returned to his home in Johnson county, Iowa.

Mr. Devault remained under the parental roof until 1868, which year witnessed his removal to Madison county, where he purchased land that he still owns. After erecting thereon a log house he returned to Johnson county, where he was married, and shortly afterward brought his bride to the home that he had prepared here. He has since lived upon his farm, successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising and today owns three hundred and twenty acres of land besides giving considerable property to his children.

It was on the 10th of September, 1868, that Mr. Devault was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frances Nicholson, who was born in Johnson county, December 7, 1846, and is the third in order of birth in a family of eleven children. Of the four children born to this union Jesse Lewis died in infancy. Effie May is the wife of Wellington W. Drake, a farmer of Webster township, and they have had five children: Alfred, Cecil, Deva and Loretta, all living; and one who died in infancy. Charles Henry, who is engaged in the cultivation of his own land and also his father's farm, married Carrie B. Crow, by whom he has had seven children, Dale, Ruby, Orla, Reva, Clare, Guyle, and one who died in infancy. Gilbert Allen, who owns and operates six hundred and forty acres of land near Sterling, Colorado, married Elsie Craven and has four children, Glenn, Forrest, Clyde and Velma.

Mr. Devault is a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and has taken a very active part in political affairs, serving as chairman of the township central committee and as a member of the county central committee. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and assisted in the erection of the house of worship of that denomination at Middle River, in Webster township. In 1866 he joined the Masonic order at Norway, Iowa, and now belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Winterset. His farm was raw prairie land when it came into his possession but it is now highly cultivated and well improved. In this way he has added materially to the development and prosperity of his locality and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of Jackson township.

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#### ARTHUR B. MARSTON.

For a quarter of a century Arthur B. Marston has carried on general farming in Jackson township and he is not only well known but highly esteemed. He was born in Henderson county, Illinois, on the 29th of March, 1856, a son of Nathaniel and Lois (Barton) Marston, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire in 1810 and the latter in Massachusetts in 1815. Nathaniel Marston learned the cabinetmaker's trade, which he followed in New Hampshire until about 1830, and then removed to Ashtabula county, Ohio, where he continued to work at his trade. Eight years later he went by water to Yellow Banks, now Oquawka, Henderson county, Illinois, becoming one of the early settlers of that county. Pioneer conditions largely prevailed and there was an abundance of game. He was quite active in the early life of the county and was a leader in local republican circles. He held a number of township offices, discharging his duties with circumspection and ability, and was prominent in the Methodist Episcopal church in the early days. Before a house of worship was erected meetings were held in his home and he aided in building the first Methodist church in his locality. He owned two hundred and forty acres of land, on which he carried on general farming successfully, and he was also a stockholder in the Biggsville Bank. In 1890 he retired to Olena, Illinois, but two years later removed to Stronghurst, that state, where he passed away in 1895. His son Fletcher, now residing in Dexter, Dallas county, Iowa, was a member of Company C, Eighty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was accidentally wounded while on the march. Mrs. Marston's people went to Henderson county, Illinois, about 1837 and were well known and highly esteemed there. She passed away in 1893.

Arthur B. Marston entered the district schools of Henderson county, Illinois, and there acquired a knowledge of the fundamental branches of learning. After arriving at maturity he assumed charge of the farm upon which his father first settled in Illinois and continued to operate that place until 1888. In that year he removed to this county and purchased land on section 17, Jackson township, which he immediately began to cultivate, having now resided there for more than twenty-five years. He raises a good grade of Poland China hogs and short-horn cattle but his time is chiefly devoted to the cultivation of his land and the raising of grain. He owns two hundred acres and is ranked among the substantial men of his township.

In 1888 Mr. Marston married Miss Sarah Evans, also a native of Henderson county, Illinois. Her parents, Hamilton and Anna (White) Evans, were born respectively in Monroe county, Ohio, on the 18th of January, 1828, and in Greene county, that state, on the 8th of October, 1833. The father passed away in 1899 but the mother is still living in Pottawattamie county, Iowa. Mr. Evans accompanied his parents on their removal from Ohio to Henderson county, Illinois, in 1835 and resided there until 1850, when he joined a train of thirty-six wagons drawn by ox teams and made the tedious and hazardous journey across the plains and mountain passes to California. He worked in that state for a considerable time and was given a bag of gold by his employer in recognition of his honesty and integrity, but this was later stolen from him. On the westward journey one of the party was taken sick and the company camped upon the present site of Winterset for several days, but at that time there were only a few cabins and little evidence of white settlement. Mr. Evans returned by the water route and the Isthmus of Panama, where all goods were transported by the natives. He took up his residence upon a farm which his father had entered from the government in Henderson county, Illinois, and continued to live there until his death. He owned three hundred and forty acres of land and received a handsome income from his farming operations. He gave considerable attention to the raising of stock and fed cattle and hogs extensively. A brother of his served in the Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry and was killed in battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans were the parents of eleven children, of whom Mrs. Marston was the eighth, and by her marriage she has become the mother of six children: Lois is the wife of Irvin Streigle, a farmer of Rolla, Missouri, and they have three children, Rena, Delbert and Clifford. Ethel is the wife of Irwin Bond, a farmer of Jackson township and a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Madison county. Two children have been born to them, Enolia and Wilma. Florence married Clarence Fife, who is farming land belonging to our subject. The Fife family is among the oldest in the county and is highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fife have twin daughters, Laura and Lura. Laura, Alta and Merle complete the family.

Mr. Marston supports the candidates of the republican party but takes no other part in political affairs. He belongs to the United Presbyterian church at Pitzer and the rectitude of his conduct has won the respect of all who have had dealings with him. He is of a retiring disposition and finds his greatest pleasure in the companionship of his family and in the cultivation and improvement of his two hundred acres of fine land.

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#### W. E. HARTSOOK.

W. E. Hartsook, an efficient and well-to-do farmer residing in Lincoln township, is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred in Monroe township in 1865. His father, who was a farmer, died when our subject was a small boy, and Mr. Hartsook of this review early became accustomed to hard work on a farm. When seventeen years of age he hired out as a farm hand by the month and has continued to follow agricultural pursuits, now owning one hundred and

eighty acres of well improved and valuable land in Lincoln and Monroe townships, his residence being in the former township. He follows general farming, finding that more profitable than specializing in the production of one or two crops. His success is due entirely to his own industry and good management, and he is entitled to credit for what he has accomplished.

Mr. Hartsook was married in 1894 to Miss Anna Greer, a native of Canada, and they have three children, Lyle, Fern and Edna. Mr. Hartsook indorses the platform of the republican party and supports its candidates at the polls but is not otherwise active politically. He is, however, at all times ready to give his support to worthy public measures and is a valued citizen of the county.

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### EMANUEL WOLVERTON.

Emanuel Wolverton, a farmer of Jackson township, was born on the 10th of April, 1863, a son of George W. and Minerva (Sulgrove) Wolverton, the former born in Ohio on the 2d of December, 1830, and the latter in Marion county, Indiana, November 2, 1842. The father came with his stepfather, Irvin Baum, to Madison county, Iowa, in 1846, making the journey with ox teams and encountering many difficulties on the way. Settlement was made in Douglas township and the first task was to break the sod, as the land taken up was still in its natural condition. The nearest neighbors were a few miles away, Indians were plentiful and there was an abundance of all sorts of game. There was little to indicate the wonderful progress that the next half century was to bring about and there was much to make the life of the early pioneer one requiring much courage and determination. Added to the necessity of arduous labor was the discomfort of living in a small house and of doing without most of the conveniences of life. There was also a sense of loneliness and of isolation that was at times very depressing. However, the pioneers allowed nothing to dissuade them from their purpose of developing the land and making homes for their families and most of them lived to see their dreams fully realized. When George W. Wolverton was married he and his bride used a dry-goods box for a table and their other furniture was equally crude, the bed being made by fastening two boards to adjoining walls of the house, the boards forming two sides of the bed and the walls the other two, and by running ropes from one wall to the opposite board. There were then no schools or churches but as soon as possible these were provided for. Mr. Wolverton enlisted in a company of Home Guards but never saw active service. He devoted his entire time to farming in his later years but in early manhood also freighted goods to the west. He was a member of the Church of Christ and his influence was always on the side of right and justice, although he never sought to figure prominently in public affairs, being of a retiring disposition. He passed away in 1889, when about fifty years of age.

Emanuel Wolverton received a common-school education and during his boyhood and youth was also trained in agricultural work. When twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account and has continued to follow that occupation, operating a fine farm of one hundred acres. He is energetic and practical and his income from his land is a gratifying one.



MR. AND MRS. EMANUEL WOLVERTON



Mr. Wolverton has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Minnie Johnson, who died, leaving a son, Earl, who is now farming in Madison county. He married Stella Kitt, and has three children, Merl, Roy and Daisy. For his second wife Mr. Wolverton married Miss Clara Ford, a native of this county and a daughter of William Miner and Diana (Stickler) Ford, the former born on the 28th of July, 1832, in Virginia, and the latter on the 8th of September, 1833. Both have passed away, the death of the mother occurring on Christmas Day, 1877. Mr. Ford farmed in Indiana, where in 1854 he was married, but soon after that event he and his bride came to Madison county, Iowa, making the journey with ox teams. Here they found conditions those of a pioneer region. He began farming in Jackson township and became the owner of four hundred acres of excellent land. Being very progressive, he was one of the first men to raise pure bred shorthorns, and he fed, bought, sold and shipped cattle, deriving a handsome profit from his operations in those lines, and he also raised good horses. He was one of the organizers of the West Star Methodist Episcopal church of Douglas township and took an active part in all movements that sought the welfare of the community. He had nine children, of whom Mrs. Wolverton is the eighth in order of birth. By her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Ray, a farmer of Jackson township, who married Miss Elna Choate; and Ott, who is assisting his father with the farm work.

Mr. Wolverton leans toward the prohibition party but is not an aspirant for public office. He is a member of the Church of Christ and takes a great interest in furthering the work of Early Chapel. He is a native of Jackson township, in which he resides, and is a representative of one of the earliest pioneer families of the county. It is not strange, therefore, that he has identified himself with the welfare of the county and has done much to promote its development along both material and moral lines.

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#### REV. JAMES SAWHILL.

Rev. James Sawhill was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 22d day of February, 1829, and died at his home in Jackson township, this county, March 27, 1904. His early life was spent upon a farm, and in attendance at the district school of his home community. Later he became a student in Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1851. He then took a theological course in the Associate Presbyterian Seminary at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1854. This school was later removed to Xenia, Ohio, and is now known as the Xenia Theological Seminary, and is under the care and control of the United Presbyterian church. The first years of his ministry were spent in home mission work, much of his time being given to work in the states of Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. It is interesting to note just here that in the course of his work as a home missionary he visited Winterset, Iowa, coming by rail to Iowa City, thence by stage to Des Moines, and from there to Winterset on foot. This was in the latter part of 1855, or the early part of 1856, some twenty years before Madison county became his home.

In 1863 he took charge of the newly organized congregation of Cascade, in Cascade, Dubuque county, Iowa, and became its settled pastor. On February 21, 1866, he was married to Miss Martha E. Wallace of Vinton, Benton county, Iowa. She was a native of Virginia (now West Virginia), being born in Brooke county of that state, December 1, 1843. In 1851 she had removed with her parents to Adams county, Ohio, and in 1857 went with them to Benton county, Iowa, which was her home until her marriage. In 1876 Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill with their children came to Madison county, Iowa, and Mr. Sawhill became pastor of the Union (now Pitzer) United Presbyterian church, a relationship which continued for about fourteen years. He also purchased land and lived upon it. In 1891, because of breaking health, he retired from the active ministry, and gave considerable of his time and thought to the work on the farm. He carried on general farming and stock-raising, and was considered a well-to-do man, owning two hundred and forty acres of fine land. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, but he was not active in politics. He was, however, much interested in social and civic affairs. Anything that made for the betterment of the community found in him a helper and oftentimes a leader. But the first place and the main place in his mind and heart was always given to things religious; to the study of the Bible; to the work of the church in his own community, commonwealth and country, and to the general work of the church in all the world.

Mrs. Sawhill and four of the seven children are still living, and two of these together with the mother still have their homes in Madison county.

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#### JOHN CLARK SAWHILL.

An excellent farm on section 24, Jackson township, is the property of John Clark Sawhill, and its excellent condition is a testimony to the energy and ability of its owner.

Mr. Sawhill was born in Cascade, Dubuque county, this state, on the 29th of October, 1875, the fifth in a family of seven children born to Rev. James and Martha E. Sawhill. He received his education in the public schools, assisted his father upon the farm, and taught several terms of school until he reached the age of twenty-nine. He then began his independent business career and is now the owner of two hundred and fifty acres of excellent land on sections 23 and 24, Jackson township. He is not only energetic but progressive in his work, and his farm yields him a good income. He raises stock in addition to cultivating the soil, as he finds that more profitable than confining his attention to one branch of farming.

On the 22d of March, 1905, Mr. Sawhill married Miss Flora B. Ledlie. She was born upon a farm in Warren county, Iowa, a daughter of Thomas and Mary F. (Lindsey) Ledlie, both natives of Ireland. The father was born in Mullaglass on the 28th of September, 1844, and the mother was born near Newry, on the 14th of February, 1844. They are still living in Warren county, Iowa, and hold a high place in the estimation of those who know them. To Mr. and Mrs. Sawhill have been born four children: Harold Ledlie, whose birth occurred



on the 21st of May, 1906; Iola Martha, born October 28, 1909; Mary Eleanor, born March 6, 1911; and Mabel Lenore, who was born October 30, 1913.

Mr. Sawhill is a republican and has acceptably filled the offices of township clerk and trustee. He is an influential worker in church and Sabbath-school circles, and is an elder in the Pitzer church. His life is in harmony with his religious professions, and he is sincerely respected by all who have been brought into contact with him.

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#### LINDSEY A. MACUMBER.

Lindsey A. Macumber, a prosperous farmer of Webster township, this county, was born in Gallia county, Ohio, now Vinton county, on the 8th of October, 1846. Data concerning his parents will be found in the sketch of Andrew Macumber, of Lincoln township, which is given elsewhere in this work.

Lindsey A. Macumber attended school in his native state and following the removal of the family to Madison county, Iowa, further pursued his studies in a log schoolhouse in Lincoln township. When twenty-one years of age he returned to the Buckeye state and attended school there for three months. He then came again to this county and began farming on his father's land. He followed agricultural pursuits in Lincoln township until 1897, when he removed to St. Charles, in the vicinity of which he owned a small farm. After ten years he took up his residence upon his present farm on section 1, Webster township, which is a highly improved property. He is now living practically retired, having accumulated sufficient capital to insure him of the comforts of life during the remainder of his days.

In 1870 Mr. Macumber was married, Miss Emily Church, a native of Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, becoming his wife. Her father, Seymour Church, was born in 1808 and died in 1902, while her mother, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Van Wy, was born in 1811 and passed away in 1847, when she was yet a young woman. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Macumber served in the War of 1812. Her father brought his family to Iowa in 1855, settling on North river, in Douglas township, this county. He was affected by the hard times of 1856 and 1857, but did not become discouraged and was eventually rewarded by prosperity. When he settled here conditions were those of a pioneer region and game abounded. He purchased land and began farming, living in Douglas township until 1880, when he removed to Steward county, Nebraska. His death occurred at Bee, that state, where he was living retired. He was the owner of considerable land in Nebraska and was a highly esteemed resident of Bee. His church membership was held in the Christian church and he was very active in its work. He was married three times, the children of the first union numbering five girls and two boys, of whom Mrs. Anna Herron and Mrs. Macumber reside in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Macumber have three children. Clarence, who was born October 15, 1871, is interested in the Fender Manufacturing Company of Winterset, Iowa. He married Miss Caroline Frederickson and has a son, George A. Gile E., born in 1873, is farming with his father. He married Miss Dora Holt, a rep-

representative of one of the pioneer families of this county, and they have five children, Emily L., Thelma L., Dorothy V., Rex H. and Eva C. Callie E., the only daughter, married Oscar Frederickson, a farmer of Walnut township, and they have five children, Marie, DeVerne, Dolores, Lenore and Russell.

Mr. Macumber is a prohibitionist in his political views and his religious affiliation is with the Church of Christ. His life has been rather uneventful, but has been filled with useful and efficient labor, and he has not only won a fair measure of material prosperity, but has also gained the respect of those who have been brought in contact with him.

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#### WILLIAM S. EPPARD.

William S. Eppard, a well known farmer and stockman residing on section 9, Jackson township, was born in Page county, Virginia, on the 2d of January, 1844. His parents, John and Mary M. (Smith) Eppard, were both born in that county, the father in 1814 and the mother on the 22d of November, 1816. John Eppard was a farmer in the Old Dominion and passed away in that state in 1864. His wife survived for many years and died in this county in January, 1913.

William S. Eppard was the seventh in order of birth in a family of eleven children and as a boy assisted his father with the farm work. His education was that afforded by the district schools, which were somewhat primitive, the school-house being a log structure; the furniture very crude; the curriculum limited; and the term but a few months in the year. When sixteen years of age Mr. Eppard hired out as a farm hand and when eighteen years old left Virginia with twenty-five companions on account of a conscription law which had been passed. His only effects were a blanket and a few provisions, but these sufficed him and he succeeded in slipping through the rebel and Federal lines, reaching Harpers Ferry on the 18th of February, 1864. He entered the employ of the Federal government and drove a six-mule team by a jerk line until July, 1864. He then worked in the harvest fields in Pennsylvania and afterward entered the car shops at Harrisburg, that state. He was also employed for a time in the government warehouse there. In 1865 he joined a brother in Iowa and for a short time attended school in Madison county. He then put in one crop here, after which he returned to Virginia and worked in a colliery and at cutting timber for railroad ties until the 20th of September, 1866, when his marriage occurred. Soon afterward he brought his bride to Iowa by boat from Wheeling to Keokuk and settled in this county a mile from his present home. In 1868 he became a land-owner and in the succeeding years added to his holdings until he now has seven hundred and fifty-two acres in Madison county, four hundred acres in Adair county and thirty acres in Dallas county, besides a number of lots in the town of Blunt, South Dakota. He has done quite a little toward raising the grade of stock raised in this county, especially horses, breeding thoroughbred Shire horses, upon which he has won prizes at the Madison county fairs. He is a member of the American Shire Horse Breeders Association of Winona, Illinois. He also raises cattle and hogs for the market. He is one of the men of affluence of his county and has other interests besides his real estate, being a stockholder in the Iowa



WILLIAM S. EPPARD



State Live Stock Insurance Company of Des Moines and in the Creston, Macksburg, Des Moines & Southern Railroad.

On the 20th of September, 1866, Mr. Eppard married Miss Mary Meadows, who was born in Page county, Virginia, in 1838, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jett) Meadows. Her father was a landowner and farmer. Mrs. Eppard was the sixth in order of birth in a family of twelve children, and by her marriage she has become the mother of eight: Evalina, who is the wife of W. S. Sulgrove, a farmer of Jackson township, by whom she has six children; Sarah, who gave her hand in marriage to Anthony Mabbitt, a miller of Redfield, Dallas county, by whom she has four children; Jacob Henry, who died in infancy; Lydia, the wife of Jesse Leeper, a farmer of Penn township, and the mother of three children; Lillie V. who married Robert Young, a farmer, and has one child; Charlotta D., who died in infancy; Willard M., born June 6, 1876, who is in the ice business in Redfield, Iowa, and who has four children; and Clarence M., whose natal day was the 26th of February, 1878. He received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity from Drake University of Des Moines and the degree of S. T. B. from Harvard. He was formerly pastor of the Christian church of Highland park, of Des Moines, and of Clarinda, Iowa, but is now assisting in the management of his father's farm. He married Leanore M. Beene of Des Moines, and has two children, Trewa E. and Marjorie E.

Mr. Eppard supports the republican party at the polls and takes a leading part in the civic affairs of his township. For twenty years he has been president of the school board and is one of the most public-spirited and progressive men of his township. Because of failing health he is not now quite as active as he was formerly, but his interest in the general welfare has not lessened. He is not only highly esteemed because of his ability and integrity but is also popular as he has a frank, pleasing personality.

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#### MATTHEW M. MCGEE.

Matthew M. McGee, highly esteemed as one of the valued citizens of Madison county for many years, contributed in large measure to the material upbuilding of the community and, more than that, his influence was always on the side of progress and the right. When he passed away one of the local papers said of him: "It is difficult to point out a citizen of Madison county whose death would cause a greater break in the daily life and experience of so many people as that of M. M. McGee. His extensive operations as a builder, farmer, stock-raiser and general trader, at first in Jackson township, then in Douglas and later in Winterset, his activity extending many miles in every direction, are fresh in the memory of the whole community." At the funeral service the following account of his life was given: "Matthew Miller McGee was born in the town of Mount Charles, county of Donegal, Ireland, August 25, 1829, and died in Winterset, Iowa, August 30, 1895, at a little after nine o'clock P. M. His father was a native of Ireland, his mother was a native of Scotland, and the son inherited and developed in his life, the vigor, activity, carefulness and strict integrity for

which a blending of Scotch and Irish blood is so noted. When Matthew was about five years of age his parents came to America, and took up their residence in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After a short residence there, the family removed to Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. On the 24th of February, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Kale. On the 28th of November, 1853, he removed to Eddyville, Iowa, where he stayed one year, removing thence to Madison county, Iowa, where he continued to reside until God took him."

On the 24th of February, 1853, he wedded Caroline Kale, daughter of Reuben and Rebecca Kale, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, June 11, 1835. In the year of her marriage she accompanied her husband to Iowa, and they came to Madison county in 1854. When sixteen years of age Mrs. McGee joined the Methodist church, but in the winter of 1855 she transferred her membership to the Christian church, of which she was a most loyal and devoted adherent throughout her remaining days. Her Christian faith and fortitude sustained her through the long period of her last illness. She was highly esteemed by her friends and neighbors because of a beautiful character that reached out in kindly sympathy and helpfulness to all who knew her. Commenting upon the belief of Mr. McGee, it was said in the funeral oration: "His parents being in close sympathy with the Protestant Episcopal church of England, according to the rules of that church he was baptized in infancy. While still a young man residing in his Ohio home, he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for reasons known to himself, he did not remove his membership from the church of his early choice. His name is still retained in the records of that church. Although not connecting himself with any church in Madison county, yet few men had greater respect for the church; sustained friendly and sympathetic relations with their ministers, contributed to their support, and rejoiced in the prosperity of all good works. He was a close and attentive listener to the preaching of the word of God, and being a close student of the word itself, he knew when the truth was preached, and had a keen appreciation of it. While he loved the church of his early choice, yet no man could excel Matthew McGee in the catholicity of his spirit, and in the broad fraternity of his affection for all denominations of truly Christian people. A sham, whether in religion, in politics, or in business, he despised with all the intensity of his hearty Irish nature. But true men, by whatever name they were called, or at whatever shrine they worshiped, never failed to find a true and helpful friend in the deceased.

"It is not necessary for me to enlarge upon the noble qualities of this friend's character. Many of you, even outside the circle of his children and relatives, have known him intimately for years, and the universal testimony of all who have spoken to me about him is, that but few men lived as closely to the tenets of the golden rule as did he. Honest and true in all his dealings; charitable almost to a fault, yet doing his deeds of charity so silently and unostentatiously that the recipients of his favors seldom knew from whence they came. In all my association with him, I have never heard him utter a word that would not be appropriate in any place, or in any company. As might be expected, a man of such intense energy, such industrious habits, such wise and careful planning, and such strict integrity, must be prosperous, and he was. But not a dollar,

dishonestly procured, or gained at the expense of some one less fortunate, ever went into the pocket of Matthew McGee. Such a man, with such a long, unbroken record of honorable and successful life, cannot go out without the community from whence he has gone, being the poorer. Such men are much scarcer than they ought to be, and yet to have the record of such a man is a legacy whose value is beyond computation. His money was freely spent in building comfortable and handsome buildings, and by so much adding to the attractiveness of the town, and enhancing the valuation of all its property. He might have used his money in such a way that it would have brought him in dollars where it brought him only cents, but his large heartedness rebelled at the idea of taking advantage of those less fortunate than himself, or those upon whom unforeseen misfortune had fallen, to add to his own wealth at the expense of those. Instead of this, his hand was often outstretched with substantial help to the needy, and ample time given for its refunding. More than one man will miss Matthew McGee when the pressure of misfortune falls upon him, because he is no longer able to extend the help he delighted to give.

"The great sorrow of his life, the shadow of which followed him to his latest hour, fell upon him, when, on the 7th day of February, 1880, his sainted, but deeply afflicted wife left his home to go to the home which Christ had prepared for her. During a long, lingering sickness he cared for her with all the tenderness of his great heart, and when at last death relieved her of her sufferings, and he had laid her away in the grave, that 'silent village' had a larger place in his mind and heart than did the living town where his interests and activities centered. How many hours of the days which make up the six and one-half years of his great sorrow and loneliness were spent in silent communion at the grave of his beloved dead, no one knows."

Everyone who knew him bears testimony to his high character and his sterling worth. His influence was invariably on the side of right and justice and he deserves mention in the history of his county.

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#### WILLIAM WALLACE WALKER.

William Wallace Walker, cashier of the Macksburg National Bank and well known in local financial circles, was born in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, on the 23d of April, 1857, a son of John Wallace Walker, who was born in that state in 1816 and devoted his life to teaching and farming. He passed away in the Keystone state in 1883, when about sixty-seven years of age. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Foster, was born in Pennsylvania in 1817 and died in 1909, while on a visit to a daughter in Adair county, Iowa.

During the days of his boyhood and youth William W. Walker remained under the parental roof and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. Later he was a student at the Illinois State Normal school at Normal, Illinois, thus fitting himself for more efficient work as a teacher. He had previously taught in Pennsylvania and was for some time a teacher in Illinois and Iowa. He was married in the Prairie state in 1880 and subsequently engaged in the mercantile business at Twin Grove, Illinois. Although he has always

voted the republican ticket he was made postmaster of that place under Cleveland through the solicitation of Congressman Rowell. Upon the expiration of his term in that office he became foreman of a lumber business in Des Moines and remained in that connection for three years. Subsequently he removed to Adair county, Iowa, where he purchased two hundred and forty acres of land and for five years his energies were devoted to its cultivation. He then went to Colorado and represented a Kansas City lumber firm for two years. He returned to his farm and remained there until 1904, but on the 1st of March of that year he was made cashier of the Macksburg National Bank, just seven months after it had received its charter as a national bank. During the eleven years that he has had the general supervision of the affairs of the bank the business of that institution has shown a steady growth and its policy has won the approval of the community. He is not only discreet and judicious, but he is also invariably courteous, which trait has proved a factor in his business success.

Mr. Walker married Miss Sarah McFee, a native of Illinois, and they have three children: Stella, the wife of H. D. Mitchell, who is operating the home farm in Adair county; Nell, now the wife of F. H. Whitney, of Cumberland, Iowa; and Ralph, who is manager of the Fullerton Company at Macksburg.

Mr. Walker is a republican and has always taken a keen interest in all matters closely connected with the good of the public. He is willing to give his aid to any cause that he believes will further the civic, commercial or moral advancement of his community, and in the eleven years that he has resided in Macksburg he has been a forceful factor in its progress.

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#### EDWARD D. SCHOENENBERGER.

Edward D. Schoenenberger, a prosperous and well known farmer residing in Walnut township, was born upon the family homestead in that township on the 1st of July, 1870, the youngest son of Nicholas and Louisa (Tennis) Schoenenberger, who are mentioned at length in the sketches of Anthony and John Schoenenberger, which appear elsewhere in this work.

Edward D. Schoenenberger attended school in district No. 4 of Walnut township and helped his father with the farm work until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he was married and removed to Monroe township, where he had purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land. He operated that place for eighteen years and in the meantime bought an additional one hundred acre tract. In 1910 he sold his property in Monroe township and purchased two hundred and fifteen acres on sections 6 and 7, Walnut township, where he is living at present. He feeds about two carloads of cattle and one of hogs each year, breeding pure blooded Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. He also does general farming and prospers in all of his undertakings.

On the 22d of February, 1892, Mr. Schoenenberger was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Harrell, a daughter of Luther and Martha Harrell, of Scott township, more extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. To Mr. and Mrs. Schoenenberger have been born two children. Rec, who makes his home with his father and assists him with the farm work, married Aleta





MR. AND MRS. EDWARD D. SCHOENENBERGER



Silliman, a daughter of Charles Silliman, a farmer of Scott township. Blanche is attending school in district No. 4, Walnut township.

Mr. Schoenenberger is a democrat in politics and was for six years trustee of Monroe township. He is at present school director of district No. 4, Walnut township. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 555, A. F. & A. M., of Lorimor, Iowa, while his wife is a member of the Eastern Star and of the Zion Methodist Episcopal church, and he is in sympathy with all efforts to promote the welfare of the community. He is a representative of a family that is well known in this county and, like the others of the name of Schoenenberger, is a progressive and successful agriculturist and a valued citizen.

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### WALTER P. RHYNO.

Walter P. Rhyno, who is living retired in Winterset, is one of the prominent citizens of that town, where he was for several years engaged in the implement business, and is also the owner of several hundred acres of land, the operation of which he supervises. He is a native of Abingdon, Virginia, born on the 22d of April, 1859, of the marriage of James A. and Harriet E. (Toncray) Rhyno, both of whom were born in Wythe county, Virginia. The paternal grandmother, Evelyn (Nunn) Rhyno, traveled overland across Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and part of Iowa in the early days but, although she lived to an advanced age, never rode in a train or steamboat. She was among the earliest settlers of Iowa and passed away at St. Charles, this county. The father's natal day was the 28th of March, 1828, and he continued to reside in the Old Dominion until he was about seventeen years of age. He learned the printer's trade and after his removal to the Buckeye state he was employed upon the Cincinnati Times-Star, being connected with that paper at the time of the first printers' strike. For several years he worked as a journeyman printer and in that capacity traveled all over the south, learning much of the conditions in that section of the country. He served in the Mexican war, enlisting at Greencastle, Indiana, in Company A, Second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. After the conclusion of hostilities he emigrated still farther westward, remaining for a short time in St. Joseph, Missouri, and in Des Moines, Iowa, but settling in Madison county, Iowa, about 1850. He entered land in South township upon his Mexican soldier's warrant and continued to own that property until a short time prior to his death. He raised stock extensively, and with his brother, Thomas Jefferson Rhyno, shipped the first carload of stock from the county. For over sixty years he lived upon his homestead and was very successful both as a stockraiser and as an agriculturist. He purchased other land from time to time and became a large landowner. He died at St. Charles on the 28th of January, 1914, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member. The mother of our subject, who was born in Abingdon, Virginia, on the 9th of February, 1833, passed away in Des Moines on the 9th of June, 1864. She was the mother of three children. Following her demise Mr. Rhyno wedded Miss Lucy Toncray, their marriage being celebrated in 1865. On the 4th of August, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy V. Jackson, by whom he had six children.

Walter P. Rhyno attended the Sisters of Charity school in Des Moines and supplemented the education there acquired by taking a two years' course at Simpson College of Indianola. He was associated with his father in farming and stock-raising until 1882. From 1884 until 1888 he was deputy county treasurer and upon leaving that office joined Mr. Koehler in the implement business under the firm name of Koehler & Rhyno. That relation was continued for four years and the business of the firm was quite extensive. For some time Mr. Rhyno has lived retired save for looking after his agricultural interests, which are extensive, as he owns six hundred acres of fine land. He has always done all that he could to promote the dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning the work of the farm.

On the 8th of January, 1889, Mr. Rhyno married Mrs. Eva Klinginsmith, who was born at Norwalk, Warren county, Iowa, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Kneeland) Abrams, the former of whom was born in Indiana in 1829 and the latter in Canada ten years later. Both have passed away, Mr. Abrams' demise occurring in 1871 and that of his wife in 1865. In the early '50s the father settled in Warren county, Iowa, and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits there. He owned considerable land and was a highly esteemed and representative citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Rhyno have two children. Harriet Louise was graduated from the Winterset high school and continued her education in the College of Liberal Arts of the Iowa State University. While in college she was very active in the Young Women's Christian Association and in literary societies, and was honored by election to the presidency of the Hyperion Literary Club. She is now teaching English in the Pomeroy (Iowa) high school. Eva Lenore also took a course in the Iowa State University after graduating from the Winterset high school and, like her sister, was active in various college organizations. She is now a teacher of Latin in the Forest City (Iowa) high school. Mrs. Rhyno is a leader in club circles of Winterset and often entertains her friends in her attractive home.

Mr. Rhyno gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is stanch in its support. Fraternally he is a member of Model Lodge, No. 315, A. F. & A. M., of St. Charles, and he is liberal in his contributions to the support of all of the churches of the town, believing that all are doing work that makes for the good of the community. He is a generous and broad-minded man and anything that savors of pettiness is repugnant to him. His success in business has demonstrated the soundness of his judgment and the keenness of his insight, and the unswerving integrity of his daily life is indubitable proof of the sterling worth of his character.

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#### BENTON C. GUILLIAMS.

Benton C. Guilliams is a retired farmer and stockman of Madison county, living on section 8, South township. He was born in Putnam county, Indiana, January 1, 1846, a son of William and Anna (Burkett) Guilliams. The father was a native of Virginia and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Guilliams, both natives of the Old Dominion and representatives of old families of Virginia and

the latter of Scotch extraction. The grandparents removed to Indiana, settling near the Ohio line in an early day, and there William Guilliams, Sr., followed the occupation of farming until his death, which occurred when he was about sixty years of age. His wife passed away at about the same age.

William Guilliams, Jr., was reared upon the old home farm and throughout his entire life followed agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a fair measure of success. He was an active churchman and guided his life by religious teachings. His wife, who was born in Salem, North Carolina, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Burkett, natives of Pennsylvania and Germany respectively, the latter coming to the United States in childhood. In 1852 the parents of Benton C. Guilliams came to Iowa, making the journey with ox teams and locating on land that is now comprised within the boundaries of the farm owned by the subject of this review. The father entered this land from the government, thus coming into possession of a wild and unimproved tract which he at once began to develop. As the years passed the work of cultivation was carried steadily forward and the place was transformed into a valuable property, upon which he spent his remaining days, dying at the age of sixty-one years. His wife survived him for a long period, passing away at the age of eighty-four. He was never an office seeker, but cooperated in plans and measures for the public good. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the county, arriving here at a period when there were no bridges and practically no roads had been laid out. Much of the land, too, was in its primitive condition and the work of development and progress seemed scarcely begun. Both he and his wife guided their lives by Christian principles. They held membership in the Christian church and were among those who helped to build the first church edifice belonging to that denomination. The little house of worship was erected on his farm, but the location has since been changed.

Benton C. Guilliams was six years of age when brought by his parents to Iowa. His boyhood days were spent at home and his education was acquired in the public schools. He was yet a boy in years when March 20, 1863, at the age of seventeen, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the "boys in blue" of Company F, Fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities. He was with Sherman's army and participated in the battles from Chattanooga to Atlanta and also in the engagements at Columbia, South Carolina, and Bentonville, North Carolina. He had many narrow escapes and at the close of the war was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, July 24, 1865. He then returned home, resumed farming and also taught school in South township for eight or nine years, mostly through the winter seasons. In 1869 he purchased a half interest in the home farm and later purchased the shares of the other heirs in the property. He has since devoted his time to general farming and to the breeding and raising of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, having now a large and fine herd. He is today the owner of one hundred and seventy-two acres of rich and productive land, which he cultivated and improved until about six years ago, when he turned the management of the farm over to his son and retired from active life in order to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 9th of September, 1874, Mr. Guilliams was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McKenzie, who was born in Story county, Iowa, December 21, 1855.

The family removed to Winterset during the girlhood days of Mrs. Guilliams, who was there reared and educated. She died January 6, 1909, leaving four children, while one had passed away in infancy. Those who survive the mother are: Flora, the wife of G. A. Schultz, of Indianola, Iowa; Maude G., who became the wife of Charles A. Joekel, by whom she had one child, Mary Joekel, and after the death of her first husband became the wife of Charles Street, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Charles McKenzie, cashier of J. F. Johnston's Bank at St. Charles; and Ernest, who operates the home farm.

In his political views Mr. Guilliams has always been a republican and for many years held the office of justice of the peace, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial and winning him "golden opinions from all sorts of people." He was also deputy county clerk from 1883 until 1889 and while the incumbent in that office rented the farm and made his home in Winterset, returning to the farm in the latter year. Fraternally he is connected with St. Charles Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., and is also a charter member of the Grand Army post, thus maintaining pleasant relations with those who marched with him on the field of battle. He holds membership in the Baptist church and his life is guided by its principles. He is numbered among the honored pioneer settlers of the county, for he was only a child when he came here with his parents. He has been quite successful as a farmer and stock-raiser and although now living retired he still regards the old farm as his home, although he spends some of his time with his children. He is a well informed man of splendid characteristics and he has many friends among the best people of the county.

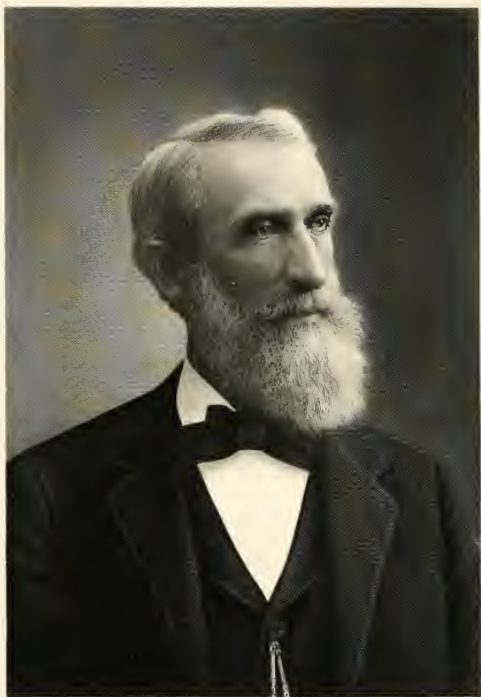
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#### DR. JOSEPH H. MACK.

Dr. Joseph H. Mack was the founder of the town of Macksburg which bears his name, and there was no essential feature relative to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community that did not receive his indorsement and support. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, October 18, 1837, and was but five years of age when in November, 1842, his parents removed to Coshocton, Ohio. They were in very limited financial circumstances, so that at the age of ten years he started out to make his own way in the world, beginning work on the Parks farm in his home neighborhood. His duties began early and continued until late, in the evening, and he was paid only one dollar per month and his board for the first six months. The following year, in addition, he was given a suit of clothing and the privilege of attending school for three months in the year. He accompanied the Parks family to Greene county, Indiana, in 1852 and there worked upon the farm until the fall of 1855, attending school a part of two winters. At that time he returned to Ohio, where he again attended school, and it was at that period of his life that he formed the acquaintance of Miss Hannah J. Bonham, who became his wife three years later.

In the spring of 1856 Mr. Mack went to Crawford county, Illinois, where he secured employment in a sawmill, but being ambitious to engage in other work his leisure hours were devoted to the study of medicine. Two years later he came





*Joseph H. Mack M.D.*





*Mrs. Hannah J. Mack*



to Madison county, Iowa, making the journey by steamboat to Des Moines. The condition of the roads and the streams made it impossible for him to continue his journey to Winterset by stage, which was the only means of transportation, so carrying his oilcloth grip upon his shoulder, he started on foot, proceeding to the old sawmill on the north bank of Raccoon river, which was under water to the second floor. With other travelers he started across the river in a hog trough made from a hollowed log. The swollen stream and rapid current made it difficult to effect a landing on the south bank, but eventually this was accomplished and on foot Mr. Mack proceeded to Winterset and thence to the home of Alexander Bonham in Grand River township, who had removed from Ohio in November, 1857. As he understood the sawmill business he took charge of the Barker sawmill on Grand River, seeing, as he believed, the opportunities for a successful future.

He was married on the 22d of August, 1858, to Miss Hannah J. Bonham, and the young couple started out upon their domestic life near the mill. He believed himself possessed of eighty dollars at the time of his marriage, but found that three twenty-dollar bills issued by the Citizens Bank of Gosport, Indiana, were worthless because of the failure of the bank. So he started out in married life with no resources but determination, energy and pluck and the help of a devoted wife. He went into the timber and cut saw logs, worked by the day to pay for hauling them to mill, sawed them into lumber and then with his own hands built his house, which was the first frame residence in Grand River township. He also made nearly all of his own furniture, including a cupboard, stand, table and rocker still in possession of the family. In order to pay for his first chairs he split rails at from thirty-five to fifty cents a hundred.

All during this time Mr. Mack never relinquished his desire to prepare for the medical profession, and in the spring of 1861 he and his family traveled by wagon back to Ohio, where he completed his studies, attending lectures at the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, after which he returned to Grand River township and began the practice of medicine. In the early part of 1864, however, he felt his duty to his country was paramount to all else and, enlisting, was appointed hospital steward of the Forty-seventh Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until mustered out at the close of the war. He then resumed the active practice of his profession at his home in Grand River township, Madison county, Iowa. He followed his profession successfully for nearly twenty years, when ill health forced him to seek other employment and he turned his attention to stock-raising, at one time owning one of the finest herds of shorthorns in the country.

In 1873 Dr. Mack laid out the town of Macksburg and gave to the town the ground comprising the public square, around which the business portion of the town is located, and on which he planted shade trees which are now large and beautiful. His generosity was further shown in his gift of four lots to the Baptist and Methodist churches, together with two hundred dollars in money to each, and later he gave to the Methodist church two lots and a house for a parsonage. He stood for progress and improvement at all times and in the spring of 1874 he superintended the building of the township high school at Macksburg. There being no money in the school treasury the undertaking was strongly discouraged, but Dr. Mack, determined upon success, bought and paid for all mate-

rial and rapidly pushed the building to completion in spite of predictions of failure, and took the township's obligations for his pay. He felt that if good schools and religious institutions were established other good things would follow. He served on the township school board during the erection of more than two-thirds of the schoolhouses in Grand River township.

His life was characterized by the highest principles and the loftiest motives. He was a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance and it was only once in the history of Macksburg that a saloon was there to be found. During Dr. Mack's absence from home, a stranger established a saloon in the town, but when the Doctor returned he energetically set to work to make way with the nuisance. He presented to the owner a petition, signed by nearly every citizen, asking him to leave at once, which he refused to do, although Dr. Mack offered to buy his stock. About that time, by a pre-arranged plan of Dr. Mack's, eighteen ladies marched into the saloon and soon convinced the proprietor that he should sell. Dr. Mack then paid for the "wet goods," which the ladies carried into the street and deposited upon a huge bonfire. This was the first and only saloon ever located in Macksburg. Dr. Mack personally paid the saloonkeeper seventy-five dollars for his stock of goods. The Methodist minister and some of the citizens, thinking this unjust, reimbursed Dr. Mack with thirty dollars. This sum, however, he used in having the village incorporated, so that a vote of the people would be necessary before another saloon could be opened.

Another important work with which Dr. Mack was connected was the building of a railroad. When he laid out the town he felt that a road would soon be built and used every effort to accomplish this. He was a director in the Woolson proposed road and gave practically all his time one summer and several hundred dollars to the undertaking, but the plan was abandoned. He was very active in efforts to promote the Des Moines, Winterset & Creston Electric Railroad, and just as success seemed to be in sight he passed away, but this project was subsequently abandoned. During the later years of his life Dr. Mack largely devoted his time to the supervision of his farm lands. His holdings were extensive, making him the heaviest taxpayer in Grand River township. He was a stockholder and vice president of the Anchor Fire Insurance Company of Des Moines. He was one of the organizers of the Macksburg National Bank and held the office of vice president at the time of his death, having served in that capacity for several years.

Dr. Mack passed away March 16, 1908; his widow, Hannah J. Mack, survives and lives in Macksburg, Iowa. Two children died in infancy and their living children are: Sarah A., the wife of Milton K. Farnsworth, of Wichita, Kansas; Allie M., the wife of Fred C. Herren, of Grand River township; Onie B., the wife of Lew H. Hixson, of Des Moines, Iowa; and Artie B., the wife of Ed L. Townsend, of Des Moines, Iowa.

In his political views Dr. Mack was a stalwart republican from the time he cast his first presidential ballot for Abraham Lincoln. He never faltered in his allegiance to the party and he was a delegate to many county conventions. At one time he was elected by a large majority to the office of county coroner, but did not fill the position on account of the demands of his practice. Later he was elected to represent his county in the twenty-second and twenty-third general assemblies and made a most creditable record as a member of the house of rep-

representatives, being instrumental in securing the passage of the "consent law," a law to regulate the powers of the state board of equalization; the senate bill to stop the Bohemian oats swindle and a law to reduce the legal rate of interest from ten to eight per cent. The last two bills are on the statutes at the present time.

Dr. Mack was a most earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church and took an active part in all branches of its work. He and his wife provided for the perpetual support of a minister in India by giving an endowment fund of two thousand dollars, and he generously supported missionary and temperance work and many other benevolent causes. In his passing he left behind him the memory of an upright life, a life fraught with good deeds and embodying the highest principles. Honor was his watchword and he never deviated from a course which he believed to be right between himself and his fellowmen. It is said that the good that men do lives after them, and the influence of Dr. Mack is still felt by those who were his associates, his example remaining as a source of inspiration and his memory as a benediction to all with whom he came in contact. Of him it might well be written:

"His life was noble, and the elements  
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world: 'This was a man.' "

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#### JASPER E. MARSTON.

Jasper E. Marston, who is a resident of Penn township, where he is successfully engaged in farming, was born in Allamakee county, Iowa, on the 12th of January, 1856, of the marriage of James and Nancy M. (Fisher) Marston. The father, who was born in New Hampshire, removed to Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1853 and there purchased land. He operated his farm for a number of years, or until 1864, when he removed to Clayton county, where he passed away on the 25th of June, 1865. He was a Baptist minister and preached the Gospel in addition to farming. His wife, who was born in Massachusetts, died on the 25th of June, 1899, having survived him for exactly thirty-four years.

Jasper E. Marston received his education in the public schools of Clayton county, in the high school at Postville and in the Upper Iowa University at Fayette. After leaving the latter institution he taught school for a few months during the winters and during the summers operated the home place of one hundred and sixty acres. When thirty-three years of age, however, he went to Cherokee county, Iowa, and having purchased a small farm, concentrated his efforts upon its development. After two years he sold out and came to Madison county, buying eighty acres of land on section 13, Penn township. He has since operated that place and makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs of a good grade. As he is industrious and gives much thought to his work he is meeting with gratifying success.

On the 11th of October, 1887, Mr. Marston married Miss Susan Waters, a daughter of Samuel and Mary C. (Lyons) Waters, natives of Ireland and Morgan county, Ohio, respectively. The father came to America and located in

Pennsylvania in 1853, but three years later went to Allamakee county, Iowa. While living in the Keystone state he engaged in mining, but upon removing to Iowa purchased land which he operated until 1910. In that year he removed to Frankville, where he is now living at the age of eighty-two years. His wife passed away on the 7th of February, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Marston have become the parents of four children: J. Harry, twenty-six years of age, who is living in Boone, Iowa; Ruth M., who is teaching school at Frankville; Theodore W., who is a student in the Earlham Academy; and Gale A., ten years of age, who is attending the common schools.

Mr. Marston is a republican and supports the candidates and principles of that party at the polls. Mrs. Marston belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and no good cause appeals to her in vain.

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### JOSEPH JEROME DEVAULT.

The farmers of Madison county, and indeed of the state of Iowa, are those upon whose prosperity depend the growth and welfare of the commonwealth, and they are measuring up to their opportunities as they are, as a class, not only energetic but also progressive. Joseph Jerome Devault, residing on section 16, Jackson township, is a worthy representative of the Iowa farmers and is gaining deserved success in his chosen occupation. He was born in Johnson county, this state, July 18, 1856, the youngest of the six sons of Charles and Rachel (Fekner) Devault. The father was a native of Ross county, Ohio, and his natal day was the 22d of August, 1813, while his wife was born on the 10th of October, 1815. The Fekner family were early settlers in Johnson county, Iowa, the grandfather of our subject, Henry Fekner, assisting in building the first mill on Rapid creek. He also sawed the lumber used in building the first capitol of Iowa at Iowa City. Martin Fekner, his father, owned two hundred acres of land where the site of Columbus, Ohio, now stands.

In 1830 Charles Devault, in company with his two brothers, three sisters and his widowed mother, removed to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where he was married and began his independent business career. He had no capital to start with but after working for two years was able to purchase two ox teams. He then loaded his household effects into an old-fashioned, high-wheeled, home-made Conastoga wagon and removed with his family to Johnson county, Iowa, in 1841. On the overland journey he passed through Chicago when it was known as Fort Dearborn and consisted of the fort and a few log cabins. There were only a few families living in Johnson county, Iowa, on his arrival there, and it would have required a daring imagination to picture the changes that seventy years were destined to bring about. Mr. Devault squatted on land, as the government had not yet formally opened the county to settlement, and at the time the land was thrown upon the market he had but fifty dollars and twelve and a half cents, but, realizing his opportunity, he invested the fifty dollars in land, leaving him only twelve and a half cents capital. His first residence in that county was a round log cabin, the roof of which was held on by weights; the floor was of split logs; the hinges and locks were of wood; and



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oiled paper took the place of glass in the windows. In those times each family was to a large extent sufficient unto itself, and he made the shoes for his children while his wife spun the wool for the family clothing. Provisions were hauled from Muscatine and it was necessary to take stock there for shipment. As he worked unremittingly and as the family lived sparingly, prosperity attended his labors and he in time erected a better residence. The old log cabin was still standing, however, at the time of the birth of our subject. The father set out trees and made many improvements upon his farm, which became one of the valuable properties of the locality. It was some time before the settlers could erect churches or schoolhouses, and in those first years religious meetings were held at the home of Mr. Devault, although he was not especially active in church affairs. He became the owner of six hundred acres of fine land in Johnson county, and also held title to a part of the family homestead in Indiana. Retiring from active life, he removed to Ely, where he was residing at the time of his death. His son, Andrew Jackson, was a member of Company H, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died from typhoid fever and exposure at Jackson, Mississippi, being buried in the National cemetery.

Joseph J. Devault received his early education in the district schools of Johnson county, which were then rather primitive institutions. The benches and desks were of slabs and the curriculum was very limited in comparison with that of today. He made good use of his opportunities and later attended Western College, now Leander Clark College, at Toledo, Iowa, and was for a year a student at Cornell College. When he was twenty years of age his father divided his landed holdings among his five living sons, but our subject remained at home until he attained his majority. He then removed to the farm which had come into his possession and for some time operated it, keeping bachelor's hall. In 1882 he was married and removed to Jackson township, this county, where he purchased land. In 1894 he had an unfortunate fire that destroyed his home, but he has since replaced it with a handsome modern residence. For the past thirty-two years he has lived upon his home farm here and has added to his holdings, owning at the present time four hundred and fifty-one acres of fine land. He not only cultivates the soil and raises the usual grains but also keeps many head of stock, from the sale of which he derives a gratifying addition to his income.

In 1882 Mr. Devault was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Nicholson, also a native of Johnson county, and a daughter of Henry and Maria (Lyon) Nicholson. Her father was born in Ohio in 1816 and removed to Hoopole township, Posey county, Indiana, as a boy with his parents, but settled in Johnson county, Iowa, in 1836, when this state was still a part of Wisconsin territory. His residence was one of the largest and best in the township, as he was a well-to-do man, owning land not only in Johnson county but also in Carroll county. He was quite active in the United Brethren church and many of the early circuit riders were entertained at his home when preaching in his locality. A number of years before his death he retired and resided in Carroll county until his wife died in 1887 at the age of sixty-five years. She was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and removed to Johnson county, this state, in 1838, where they were married in 1842. Following her demise Mr. Nicholson resided with his children and was living in Plymouth county, Iowa, when he passed away on

the 14th of March, 1902. In his family were eleven children, of whom Mrs. Devault is the sixth. To Mr. and Mrs. Devault have been born four children. George, whose birth occurred on the 16th of July, 1883, died on the 21st of October, 1884. Ralph Jerome, born November 6, 1884, married Miss Gladys Wright and they have three children, Bernice, Clare Jerome and Lloyd Wright. Grover Glenn, born March 27, 1886, took a course in mechanical engineering at Iowa State College at Ames and is now in the contracting business in Des Moines. Lois Rachel, born May 9, 1890, married Ralph L. Crouse on the 6th of September, 1911. Mr. Crouse is a graduate of Iowa State College at Ames and is with the Aladdin Electric Light Company of Chicago.

Mr. Devault is a democrat and his opinions carry weight in the local councils of his party. During the thirty odd years that he has resided in Madison county he has at all times aided in the development of the county and has faithfully discharged the duties devolving upon him, whether in private life or as a public citizen, and he is justly held in high estimation by his fellowmen.

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### JAMES THEODORE CREGER.

James Theodore Creger, a prominent citizen of Ohio township, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale, was born upon the family homestead in that township on the 11th of August, 1858. His father, Samuel M. Creger, was born on the 18th of April, 1831, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, of the marriage of John and Mahala (Moffitt) Creger. John Creger was born in Pennsylvania in July, 1801, of Pennsylvania Dutch stock and was a farmer by occupation. His wife, a native of Maine and of Yankee parentage, was born on the 18th of April, 1811, and their marriage was solemnized in October, 1827. The year 1853 witnessed their emigration to the west and they located in Ohio township, this county, one mile north of Truro. The father entered land and gave the remainder of his life to its cultivation. He passed away on the 31st of January, 1870, and his wife was called to her reward on the 29th of March, 1859.

Samuel M. Creger, the father of our subject, was a young man at the time of the removal of the family to this county, and he entered from the government the land on section 10, Ohio township, where his son William O. now resides. He continued to cultivate his property until 1894, when he and his wife retired from active life and removed to Truro, where they were living when called to the great beyond. His demise occurred on the 1st of March, 1903, and that of his wife on the 3d of January, 1911. On the 17th of August, 1862, he enlisted at St. Charles, Iowa, in Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and within three months of that time was promoted to the rank of corporal. On the 1st of May, 1863, he was further advanced, being made sergeant. On the 13th of July, 1863, he was detailed to the signal corps and remained at the front until June 24, 1865, when he was mustered out at Louisville and honorably discharged. On the 2d of April, 1857, he was married to Miss Rebecca Reed, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, on the 15th of September, 1840, of the union of William and Susanna (Porter) Reed. Her father was a native of

Ireland, born in 1795, and her mother's birth occurred on the 19th of May, 1818, in Pennsylvania, although she was of Irish descent. They were married in Ohio on the 22d of October, 1839, and remained in that state until 1854, when they removed to Poweshiek county, Iowa. One year later they took up their residence on Hoosier Prairie in Scott township, this county, where the father purchased land, which he farmed until called to the home beyond on the 31st of December, 1855. His widow married Reuben A. Kale in February, 1858, and they took up their residence upon a farm northwest of Winterset. Some time later they removed to Old Peru, and there Mr. Kale died in 1879. His widow was again married, becoming the wife of John D. White, and they resided upon his farm north of Truro, until he retired and took up his residence in that town, where both passed away, he on the 9th of March, 1898, and she on the 15th of February, 1902. To Samuel M. and Rebecca J. Creger were born four children, of whom James Theodore is the eldest. Amanda E., born on the 12th of January, 1861, gave her hand in marriage to T. H. Queen on the 20th of November, 1878, and passed away at Truro on the 10th of February, 1894. She was the mother of five children: Ora, Vernon, Glendon, Denzil, and Roxie, who died March 28, 1896. W. O., a well known and substantial farmer of Ohio township, is represented elsewhere in this work. Bradie J., who was born on the 28th of May, 1882, is also represented elsewhere in this work.

Samuel M. Creger was a republican and held the offices of assessor and township clerk in Ohio township, served as county supervisor and was a member of the town council of Truro. His wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church of that town and he could always be depended upon to further the moral progress of his community. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic blue lodge and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was one of the leading men of his locality and was honored by all who knew him.

James T. Creger attended the district schools of Ohio township and remained upon the home farm until he attained his majority. He then rented land from his father and began farming on his own account. After his marriage, however, he removed to Phillips county, Kansas, where he bought a quarter section of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted two years. He then returned to Ohio township, this county, and for three years rented a part of the homestead from his father. In August, 1884, he bought eighty acres of land on section 23, Ohio township, which is still his home. As prosperity has come to him he has purchased additional land and has accumulated three hundred and five acres, which constitutes as fine a farm as can be found in Ohio township. The buildings are all well designed and well constructed and his residence is commodious and modern. He is one of the most successful and most progressive farmers of his township and buys, feeds and sells many head of stock annually.

On the 16th of October, 1879, Mr. Creger married Miss Mary A. Swearingen, a daughter of Thomas B. and Sarah J. (Arnold) Swearingen. Her father, who was born in Virginia in 1831, of German ancestry, first located near Eddyville, Iowa, upon removing westward, but subsequently bought land in Ohio township, Madison county, and resided there until 1880. He then went to the Pacific coast and passed away on the 12th of January, 1906, in the state of Washington. His wife, who was born in Ohio in 1837, and was of Yankee and German descent, is still living in Bellingham Bay, that state. For three years he fought in defense

of the Union as a member of a regiment of Iowa volunteer infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Creger have become the parents of three children. Euphemia Jane, who was born on the 23d of September, 1882, gave her hand in marriage to J. W. Robinson, a farmer of Ohio township, and they have had three children, but only one, a daughter, Mary Edith, is living. Mona Ellen, born on the 15th of November, 1890, married Charles Kale, of Truro, who is a clerk in the store owned by J. W. Likens, and they have a son, Charles Carman. Honora Amanda, who was born on the 3d of February, 1898, is a student in the St. Charles high school in the class of 1916.

Mr. Creger is a republican and was for ten years trustee of Ohio township and for five years was road supervisor. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Truro, of which he has been a steward for many years, and his wife is a prominent member of the Ladies Aid Society. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Truro, and his wife was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps of that town as long as the organization was kept up there. In addition to his extensive interests as a farmer and stockman, he is a stockholder and director of the Truro Savings Bank, of which he was one of the organizers. In all that he does he is enterprising, alert and progressive, and the success that has crowned his efforts is richly deserved.

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#### WILLIAM SIDNEY WILKINSON.

William Sidney Wilkinson was born in Pike county, Illinois, June 26, 1837. His father, John Wilkinson, was born in Ireland in 1803, and his mother, Clarissa Matthews, was born in North Carolina in 1806. The Wilkinson and Matthews families met near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, shortly after the War of 1812. In 1824 both families removed to Pike county, Illinois, and in 1826 John Wilkinson and Clarissa Matthews were married. They remained there till 1846 when they came to Iowa and first stopped in Polk county, south of Des Moines. Early the next year they came to Madison county, and settled on a claim in section 10 in Scott township, where a family of ten children were raised to maturity. They continued to own and operate this farm till the death of Mr. Wilkinson, which occurred in 1869. The family consisted of ten children, all of whom were born in Illinois, except the two youngest. They were as follows: Alfred, Thomas, Margaret, David, W. S., John, Matilda, Daniel, A. W. and Samuel. Alfred died of the cholera in St. Louis. Thomas enlisted in the Fourth Iowa Cavalry; was severely wounded at the battle of Guntown; partially recovered from his wounds after a term in a Confederate prison; returned home and after a time went west, where he died in 1876. Margaret became Mrs. Fleener and lived in Winterset for a number of years, but afterwards removed to Kansas, where she died a few years ago. David removed to Kansas City, where he still resides. John always lived in Madison county, and died a few years ago near Webster Center. Matilda is deceased. Daniel and Samuel reside in Kansas. A. W. is possibly one of the best known members of the family and resides in Winterset.

W. S. Wilkinson was about ten years old when he came to this county, just old enough to begin to show his natural traits of character and begin to help do the chores and lighter kind of farm work. As a boy he was industrious, quiet and studious, traits of character which distinguished him in after years. He was always observant of everything around him, talked little and read everything which came in his way. He first attended the rural school, but when he grew to maturity indulged his long cherished desire for more learning by attending the select schools of Winterset taught by J. S. Goshorn and H. W. Hardy. He then engaged in teaching school and was considered one of the best rural school teachers in the county.

In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company F of the Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Parkers Crossroads he was seriously wounded; he lay in the hospital at Corinth, Mississippi, for many weeks and at times his life was despaired of, but his physical vitality and will power finally triumphed and he so far recovered as to be about. An honorable discharge offered him was refused, and after a while he was able to rejoin his regiment, where he remained till the close of the war. He took part in the Atlanta campaign, went with Sherman on the march to the sea, and made one of the number at the Grand Review in Washington at the close of the war. One of the best proofs of his courage and fidelity is the fact that all of his company and regimental comrades always speak of his bravery, in addition to his upright character and warmheartedness.

When he returned home from the war, like a large majority of his comrades, he had an ambition to engage in some useful occupation, and chose farming as his life work. On February 20, 1873, he married Miss Mary Harris, an old schoolmate. He bought a small piece of ground near the paternal home and shortly afterwards traded this for a larger tract farther south. Two boys, Frank and Fred, came to gladden the home, but Frank died while still young. Mrs. Wilkinson died in 1882. He sold the farm the following year, and after residing in Winterset a short time bought of W. R. Mattox the beautiful suburban farm near Middle river, where he resided till the time of his death. He was married to Miss Lena Schoenenberger in 1885. She died May 4, 1900. During the years between 1882 and 1885 and again from the time of his second wife's death until he himself passed away, he and his son Fred were always together and there can be no earthly relation more deserving of admiration than the love and fidelity which the father and son always manifested to one another.

During his last years Mr. Wilkinson was so afflicted with rheumatism that he was unable to do much manual labor, but these years were made enjoyable and profitable by indulging in study and meditation. Although often alone because of his affliction he was never lonesome; he was always keeping company with the men and things with which he had come in contact during his long and happy life, while he studied and wrote much. No other member of the historical society did as much as he to keep the society alive and store its rooms with interesting relics and valuable records. At nearly every annual meeting he prepared a paper on some salient feature of pioneer life. These papers were always prepared with great care and were listened to with unusual interest. These papers were all composed for the purpose of preserving the facts relating to the early history of the county. He always gladly entered upon this work whenever assigned to him by the officers of the society, and it is doubtful if there has been another

during the life of the society as competent as he to perform this work or one who could have done it so thoroughly and conscientiously.

These contributions to the history of the county and archives of the society will always be considered as among the most valuable assets. One year ago he was present at the annual meeting of the society and apparently enjoying his usual health; he read a paper which he had prepared for the occasion with his accustomed care and comprehensiveness, on the history of the Buffalo Mills. This was his last contribution to the society. Shortly after this meeting he was stricken with an incurable malady, from the effects of which he died June 4, 1914.

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### JOHN LAURENCE McCLELLAND.

John Laurence McClelland, a retired agriculturist and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a well known and highly respected citizen of East Peru. His birth occurred on a farm in Coles county, Illinois, on the 15th of November, 1842, his parents being William and Sarah (Laurence) McClelland, who were born, reared and married in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and were people of Scotch-Irish descent. Leaving the Keystone state, they took up their abode near Columbus, Ohio, but at the end of two years removed to Coles county, Illinois, where the father entered land and engaged in farming. Mrs. McClelland there passed away in 1850 and six years later the father removed with his children to Des Moines county, Iowa, there residing until March, 1867. He then came to Madison county, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Scott township on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1887.

John Laurence McClelland attended a subscription school in the acquirement of an education and was reared to manhood on the home farm, assisting his father in its operation until he personally took charge of the property. In December, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company D, First Iowa Cavalry, under Colonel Dan Anderson. The command went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and took part in the Camden expedition under General Steele. They saw much hard fighting en route to Camden, and on reaching that place were driven back. Mr. McClelland was engaged in scout work until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee, and mustered out of service.

He then returned home and resumed farming and after his father's demise took complete charge of the old homestead place in Scott township, Madison county, residing thereon until 1889. In that year he disposed of the property and took up his abode in East Peru, where he embarked in the livery business and was thus successfully engaged until 1902, when he sold out and the following year removed to Excelsior Springs for the benefit of his wife's health. In 1906 they returned to East Peru, where Mr. McClelland is now living retired, spending his declining years in well earned ease.

On the 11th of November, 1875, in Monroe township, this county, Mr. McClelland was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Bennett Johnson, a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Charles W. and Elizabeth (Markley)



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Johnson. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and a gentleman of Scotch-Irish descent. He followed the profession of teaching in early manhood but subsequently turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. His wife was born on the present site of Cincinnati and was a woman of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Their marriage was celebrated in Cincinnati and in the fall of 1858 they came to Madison county, Iowa, locating twelve miles southeast of Winterset in Monroe township, where Mr. Johnson purchased land and engaged in farming. In 1881 they removed to Adair county, Iowa, where Mrs. Johnson died in 1899, at the age of seventy-five, while Mr. Johnson survived until 1904, passing away at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

In his political views Mr. McClelland is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is that of the United Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey and enjoys the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

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#### WILLIAM F. STIFEL.

William F. Stifel, a representative and substantial agriculturist of Madison county, owns and operates an excellent farm of two hundred and six acres on section 28, Walnut township. His birth occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 18th of August, 1854, his parents being John Jacob and Phoebe (King) Stifel, both of whom were natives of Germany. In that country the father worked as a laborer and farmer. After emigrating to the United States he entered the service of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, of St. Louis, and became financially interested in the concern. In 1854 he made his way to Burlington, Iowa, and purchased a farm in the Mississippi valley, on which he spent the remainder of his life, surviving his wife for a few years.

William F. Stifel attended district school for only a short time in his youth, for as soon as old enough he was obliged to go to work, spending the winters in the timber chopping wood which he hauled to Burlington. In making these trips he froze his feet a number of times on account of having no overshoes. When twenty-two years of age he removed to Clarke county, Iowa, and began working on a farm for his brother-in-law. Subsequently he bought a tract of forty acres in that county and continued its cultivation until 1893, when he disposed of the property and came to Madison county, purchasing the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which he has resided to the present time. He has extended its boundaries by an additional purchase of forty-six acres, and it therefore comprises two hundred and six acres of rich and productive land on section 28, Walnut township. Mr. Stifel devotes his attention to farming of a general nature and also raises and feeds stock which he sells to the shippers. Success has attended his undertakings in gratifying degree and he is widely recognized as one of the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Walnut township.

Mr. Stifel has been married twice. In 1883 he wedded Miss Emaretta Josephine Lyons, a daughter of Anderson and Sarah (Franks) Lyons, and a repre-

sentative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clarke county, Iowa, where her father followed farming. She passed away on the farm in Clarke county, in 1890, leaving four children, as follows: Charles Frederick, an agriculturist of Clarke county, this state; Louis Wesley, who lives with his father, works on the home farm and at times hires out as a farm hand by the month; Albert William, a farmer of Walnut township, this county, who wedded Miss Ada Scott, of Barney, Iowa, and has two children, Russell and Frances; and Pearl Franklin, an agriculturist of Minnesota, who married Miss Bertha Decker, of Walnut township and has three children—Harold, Everett and Vern. On the 4th of December, 1890, Mr. Stifel was again married, his second union being with Miss Sevina Eichner, a native of Germany and a daughter of Conrad and Barbara (Guilbauer) Eichner, who were also born in that country. They emigrated to the United States in 1881 and first located in Des Moines, where for a short time the father worked by the day, after which he turned his attention to farming, settling on rented land nine miles northwest of Des Moines. In 1893 he removed to Madison county and purchased one hundred acres of land, upon which he remained until 1902, when he took up his residence in Clarke county, where he bought a little over two hundred acres. Seven years later he disposed of that property and removed to Lee township, Madison county, where he became the owner of two hundred and eight-tenths acres. There his wife passed away in September, 1913, and there he is still residing. To William F. and Sevina (Eichner) Stifel have been born four children, namely: William Frederick, Earl Edward, George Wilbur and Anna Marie, all of whom are students in district school No. 8 of Walnut township.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Stifel has supported the men and measures of the democracy, and for three years he has served as school director in district No. 8 of Walnut township. He contributes to the support of the Lutheran church, although he is not a member, but his wife belongs to the church of that denomination in Jefferson township. Not only has he brought about his individual prosperity but he has also been a serviceable factor in the agricultural growth of his locality, in the upbuilding of which he has participated to a laudable extent. He is therefore highly respected and esteemed and receives in full measure the confidence and goodwill of all who know him.

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#### G. T. CARRINGTON.

G. T. Carrington, one of the prosperous farmers of Penn township, where he owns a quarter section of fine land, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on the 24th of April, 1849, of the marriage of Edmund and Sarah E. (Byerly) Carrington. The father, who was born in Kentucky, removed with his parents to Indiana when about fourteen years of age, and upon attaining years of maturity farmed in that state for some time, after which he removed to Monroe county, Iowa, where he bought and improved land. After living there for a decade he returned to Indiana, where he resided for a year, after which he went to Vermilion county, Illinois. He continued to farm there during the remainder of his life, passing away on the 24th of January, 1874. His wife, who was born in

North Carolina, died in March, 1896, having survived her husband for twenty-two years.

G. T. Carrington was reared and educated in Monroe county, Iowa, Indiana, and Vermilion county, Illinois. He remained with his parents while they lived and then removed to Union county, Iowa, where he farmed a quarter section of land belonging to his wife for nine years. At the end of that time they sold out and he rented land there for seven years, after which he came to this county and operated leased land for two years. At the end of that time his financial circumstances were such that he was able to purchase a quarter section of excellent land on section 14, Penn township, which he is still operating. He has made it one of the well developed farms of the county and spares neither time nor money in further improving it. His crops are abundant and bring a high price upon the market and he also feeds a carload of cattle annually.

On Christmas Day, 1877, Mr. Carrington married Miss Louisa Graham, a daughter of Samuel and Mary C. (Miller) Graham, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a school teacher in his early life, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He farmed in Ohio for a number of years, but eventually removed to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he cultivated land until his demise, which occurred in 1863. His widow was called to her reward twenty-two years later, in March, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Carrington have three children: Claude, who is farming near Central City, Nebraska; Millie, the wife of Irvin Boyle, a farmer of Penn township; and George, who is assisting his father in the operation of the home place.

Mr. Carrington is a republican and has served as justice of the peace of Penn township, discharging his duties with strict impartiality. The Methodist church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows find in him a loyal member, and his life is conformed to the highest standard of ethics. He and his son are meeting with gratifying success in agricultural work and take especial pride in their high grade cattle, which are of the Jersey breed. Since coming to Madison county he has contributed to the public welfare in every way possible and is a valued resident of his locality.

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### J. W. CAMPBELL.

J. W. Campbell, a carpenter contractor of Winterset, has done much important work in the city and enjoys a high reputation both as a business man and as a workman. He was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, on the 21st of March, 1857. Silas H. Campbell, his father, was a farmer by occupation and at the time of the Civil war served for four years in the southern army, being willing to give his life if need be in defense of the cause that he believed to be just. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Mary Catherine Ritchie.

During his boyhood, J. W. Campbell studied under a private tutor, as the public schools of Virginia were then very inadequate. When sixteen years of age he put aside his textbooks and devoted the greater part of his time to assisting his father in various occupations, including farming. At the same time he learned the wheelwright's trade and thus prepared to earn a livelihood. In 1877,

when twenty years of age, he decided to take advantage of the opportunities offered by Iowa, which was much less thickly settled than the states farther east. Coming to Winterset, he engaged in carpentering in addition to farming, but after eleven years' residence here he removed to Beatrice, Nebraska, where he remained for a year, after which he went to Lincoln, that state. For nine years he followed the wheelwright's trade and was also employed in a planing mill for five years during this period, but in 1898 returned to Winterset, where he has since resided. He is an excellent carpenter himself and also does contracting, having erected some of the best structures in Winterset and vicinity. He demands from all of his employes conscientious, thorough work, and as he invariably lives up to his contract in every particular, his reliability is rewarded by a large business.

Mr. Campbell has been twice married, his second wedding occurring January 10, 1912, when Miss Rella J. Runkle, of Lincoln, Nebraska, became his wife. He is a democrat and for seven years has been a member of the city council, during which time he has voted for a number of ordinances that have proved well advised. Fraternally he has taken high rank in the Masonic order, belonging to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M.; Des Moines Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; and Za-Ga-Zig Temple of Des Moines, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The spirit of fraternity has found realization in his life and has won him many sincere friends, who value highly his good opinion.

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#### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS LOGSDON.

Christopher Columbus Logsdon, who is operating a fine farm in Grand River township, was born in Jasper county, Iowa, on the 27th of May, 1853. His parents, Thomas and Martha (Dawson) Logsdon, were both born in the vicinity of Mumfordsville, Kentucky, the father on the 2d of January, 1821, and the mother on the 11th of February, 1826. Thomas Logsdon began farming on his own account while still living in the Blue Grass state and was there married. When he made the overland journey from that state to Jasper county, Iowa, there were three children in the family and his worldly goods consisted of a team and twelve dollars in cash. He paid ten dollars for a cow, which left him with practically no money, but he was rich in energy and determination and at once began to place his land under cultivation. He had a land warrant and entered one hundred and sixty acres, which became the nucleus of his holdings. At one time he owned four hundred and ten acres of land in Jasper county and was very successful in his agricultural operations. Although prosperity eventually came to him, the first years passed in this state were filled with hard work, privation and oftentimes discouragement, which tried severely his mettle. His first residence was a log house without a floor; Indians were numerous; the nearest mill was forty miles away; and as the early settlers did not have matches it was sometimes necessary to go to a neighbor's to borrow fire, as the methods of making a fire in those days were very primitive and it was no small task to start it with flint and tinder. Mr. Logsdon began raising hogs almost as soon

as he settled upon his land and in order to get them to market it was necessary to butcher them and carry the dressed meat to the nearest town, where he received but two and a half cents per pound, which hardly paid him for the trouble of raising them. He was instrumental in establishing the early schools and churches in his locality and the nearest school and church were both on land which he had previously owned. For over thirty years he was a Bible teacher in the Methodist Episcopal church and in seeking to advance the cause of Christianity he displayed the same energy and determination that he applied to his work as a farmer, gaining the reputation of being the greatest worker in his neighborhood. In addition to cultivating the usual crops he raised considerable cattle, hogs and sheep annually and was a prominent farmer and stockman of Jasper county. On the 11th of March, 1874, he removed to Madison county, where he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, and he continued to farm to some extent but lived largely retired. Both he and his wife passed away in this county, his demise occurring when he was past sixty-eight years of age and his wife lived to be more than seventy-seven years old. In the early days she taught school in Jasper county and in caring for her household she did many things that do not now fall to the lot of the housewife. Among her tasks was that of spinning. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Logsdon's sympathies were entirely with the north, and he fully expected to join the Union army. In fact, he was instrumental in organizing the company under the command of Captain Thompson, and with which he drilled, but as he had nine small children he was not allowed to enlist.

Christopher Columbus Logsdon, who was the seventh child in the family, attended the district schools of Jasper county and thus acquired a serviceable education. He was but a boy at the time of the Civil war, but remembers well the martial spirit that prevailed and he shared in the general excitement. The boys of the community imitated their fathers and drilled among themselves as if they, too, might be called upon to aid in the defense of the Union. Our subject played the drum in that youthful company and would gladly have joined the army if he had been old enough. He remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age and after the removal of the family to this county began farming on his father's land. For about six years he resided in Adair county, but the greater part of his life has been spent in Grand River township, this county, and he has thoroughly identified his interests with that locality. He owns two hundred acres of fine land on sections 19 and 30, where he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He raises shorthorn cattle of a good grade for commercial purposes and derives good financial returns from the sale of his stock. His residence is commodious and attractive, and everything about his place is in excellent condition.

On the 9th of February, 1882, Mr. Logsdon married Miss Addie L. Grandfield, who was born in Madison county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Cross) Grandfield. Her father was born in England on the 24th of December, 1833, and was in the butcher business in that country. In 1854 he came to the United States and after residing in New York city for about a year came to this county, making the last stage of his journey with teams. He purchased land in Grand River township, where he farmed for a number of years, and became the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of good land. He studied medicine under

a physician at Afton, Iowa, and in the early days practiced that profession to a considerable extent, being called to attend patients over a wide territory. For some time he conducted a hardware and grocery store at Casson, but subsequently removed his stock to Macksburg. At the time of his demise he had sold out his business and was living upon his farm, but was still practicing medicine. He passed away on the 9th of May, 1896. He was married in England to Miss Elizabeth Cross, who was born in that country on the 27th of February, 1827, and she survived him for almost three years, dying on the 29th of April, 1899. He was a republican in politics and in early manhood was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mrs. Logsdon is the fourth child born to her parents and the only one residing in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon have a daughter, Bessie, who married Fields Cochran and has two children, Mildred Irene and Vaughn Wesley.

Mr. Logsdon supports the republican party and is willing to give of his time and means to aid in the successful accomplishment of plans that have as their object the upbuilding of his community. He holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Macksburg, and both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs. They are numbered among the progressive farming people of the county and in seeking to advance the agricultural interests of their locality are following in the footsteps of their parents, who were active in the Grange when it was an important factor in rural life.

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#### ELMER E. BISSELL.

Among the native sons of the county who have fully realized its opportunities and are now residing here is Elmer E. Bissell, who was born June 6, 1871, of the marriage of Orrin and Caroline (Lattin) Bissell, the former a native of Portage county, Ohio, and the latter of Trumbull county, Ohio. Orrin Bissell was born on the 14th of December, 1829, and as he grew older assisted his father more and more in the conduct of his dairy farm, becoming an expert cheese maker. He resided near Aurora, Ohio, until 1856 and then removed with his wife to this county, driving across the country and bringing their household effects with them. He entered government land and the family home was at first a log cabin. Mr Bissell, like many of the early settlers, was afflicted with ague and as that at times rendered him unable to work his wife helped to build the log cabin. The homestead was near the timber, as the early settlers considered such land to be more valuable than that on the prairie. The neighbors were few and far between and each family was compelled to rely upon its own resources to a great extent, although the settlers were always willing to help each other whenever assistance was needed and it was possible to give aid. Mr. Bissell gave the land and helped to build the schoolhouse in his district and gave the privilege of holding church service in his house although he himself was not affiliated with any religious organization. He had one of the largest residences in the county and was an extensive landowner, holding title to over one thousand acres. He raised a great deal of stock in addition to the cultivation of his fields and in all that he did em-



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ployed the most advanced methods. He was among the first to buy improved farm machinery, owning the first binder and mower in his county and also the first self-rake. His holdings were situated in Jackson and Penn townships and he continued to reside upon his land until his death. He believed in the efficacy of organization and was quite active in the Grange, which enabled the farmers to cooperate in matters of general concern. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he held various local offices. In 1874 he represented his district in the state legislature, proving an able and conscientious lawmaker. He was drafted for service in the Union army but hired a substitute—Al Dabney, who used the money paid him in acquiring a law education. Mr. Bissell passed away on the 22d of February, 1894, and his death was deeply regretted, as he was generally recognized as one of the leading citizens of the county. His first wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Caroline Lattin, was born on the 30th of August, 1831, and died on the 1st of January, 1889. To them were born eight children, of whom our subject is the youngest. The father was married a second time and by that union was born one child. A brother of our subject, F. L. Bissell, is a prosperous farmer of Jackson township.

Elmer E. Bissell attended the Shuck school in Jackson township and supplemented the education thus acquired by study at the Dexter Normal School, from which he was graduated. When twenty years of age he began teaching school in Penn township but continued to reside under the parental roof until his marriage in 1894. He then entered a commercial school at Des Moines but as his health began to fail he discontinued his studies and for thirteen years was city mail carrier. In 1911 he removed to Jackson township, this county, and began farming. He has a fine herd of milch cows and has found Guernsey cattle the best adapted to his purpose. His labors are attended with success and he finds agricultural pursuits both congenial and profitable.

Mr. Bissell was married in 1894 to Miss Elizabeth Marquart, a daughter of August Marquart, a harnessmaker of Boone, who is now living in Des Moines. Mrs. Bissell passed away in 1907, leaving three children: Eunice, a graduate of the West Des Moines high school, who is at home; Milford, who was born in September, 1897, and is attending the Winterset high school; and Clare, who was born May 7, 1903.

In 1909 Mr. Bissell was again married, Miss Grace Stewart, a native of this county, becoming his wife. Her parents, Robert W. and Catharine (Hake) Stewart, were born in Trumbull county and York county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The father, who was born on the 3d of October, 1825, was a blacksmith, as were his father and grandfather. Robert W. Stewart came to Iowa overland in 1858, bringing his tools and Ohio coal. He settled in Jackson township and established a shop upon his farm and gained quite an extensive patronage. He was prominent in local political circles and was known as the republican "boss" of Jackson township. The township meetings were nearly always held in his home and he was tireless in his efforts to promote the success of the party. He was influential in establishing the Early Chapel church and was also a well known Mason, having been master of the Pitzer Lodge. He was the owner of considerable land and his farm was unusually well improved and highly developed. He resided upon the same place from 1860 until his demise, which

occurred in July, 1908. He married Miss Catharine Hake, who was born on the 11th of January, 1823, and is still living in Jackson township.

Mr. Bissell is a republican but confines his political activity to the exercise of his right of franchise. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal church and while residing in Des Moines he served on the official board of Grace Methodist Episcopal church of that city. Realizing the value of study along religious lines, he is prominent in Sunday-school work and is the teacher of the men's class in Early Chapel. By his work along such lines he contributes to the moral and spiritual advancement of his community and by carefully cultivating his quarter section of fine land he aids in the material development of the county.

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### SAMUEL HUSTON BOLING.

Samuel Huston Boling has been an extensive landowner and for a number of years has been operating an excellent farm on section 22, Monroe township. However, he recently sold that place and intends to retire to Lorimor. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 26th of December, 1837, and his parents were Bluford and Arthusa (Lovell) Boling, both natives of North Carolina, who in 1831 removed with teams to the Hoosier state, where they resided until 1855, when they made the long journey to Iowa by team, coming to Madison county. They crossed the Mississippi river at Muscatine and intended to go to Missouri, but a storm coming up, they stopped in Monroe township, this county, and were so well pleased with conditions that they located on section 10, entering three hundred acres of land at the land office at Chariton. Forty acres were situated upon the road and there was a little house which served as the family residence until a better could be erected. The father died upon his farm when sixty years of age and his widow passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. V. L. Callison, in Monroe township, when ninety-eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Boling were the parents of ten children: Almira, the deceased wife of W. S. Jewell, of Terre Haute, Indiana; Rachel, the wife of George E. Hedges, also of Terre Haute; Benjamin F., who died in Indiana; E. L., who passed away in Monroe township, Madison county; Charles, who also died in that township; Samuel Huston, of this review; Elizabeth, the widow of W. S. Wilson; Julia A., the deceased wife of V. L. Callison; P. C., a resident of Monroe township; and Lucy A., who became the wife of J. D. Bullock and is now deceased.

Samuel H. Boling passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Putnam and Clay counties, Indiana, and there began his education, although he attended school for some time after the removal of the family to this county. Upon attaining his majority he went to Missouri, expecting to get work driving a team to Salt Lake City. However, no place of that kind was to be had and he accordingly became a farm hand. At the opening of the war he entered the employ of the commissary department of the Twenty-seventh Ohio Volunteers and was for four years in the government service, transporting forage or food stuff. In that capacity he was in all parts of the south and gained much knowledge of the country. He was given the nickname of Platte, as he had enlisted from Platte county, Mis-

souri. He received excellent wages, at one time drawing one hundred and fifty dollars per month. Upon his return to Iowa at the close of the war he purchased land with his savings, and his father had bought land for him in Monroe township with money which he had previously sent home. He has at one time and another owned a great deal of land and has been very successful as a farmer and stock-raiser. He lately sold a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 22, Monroe township, to the cultivation of which he has devoted his energies for a number of years past. He intends to retire to Lorimor, and expects to enjoy his remaining days in a leisure made possible by former toil.

In 1881 Mr. Boling married Miss Sarah E. Cave, who was born in Dallas county, Iowa. Her father, Hudson Cave, whose birth occurred in Virginia, died when his daughter was two years old, but her mother, a native of Ohio, who was in her maidenhood Miss Samantha Ann Rollston, is still residing in Lorimor. Mr. and Mrs. Boling have three children. Cap M., of Lorimor, married Miss Zaida E. Pointer and they have a daughter, Helen Jane. Lou Della gave her hand in marriage to Willis W. Wolfe, of Des Moines, Iowa, and they have had three children, Samuel, Harold and Helen, but Samuel died in infancy. Samuel Earl is single and is at home.

Mr. Boling has been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and for twelve or thirteen years served as assessor of Monroe township. He has also been school director and school treasurer for sixteen years. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Lorimor. He has succeeded in life because of his industry and good judgment, and it is fitting that his last days should be spent in retirement from the activity of life and freedom from business cares.

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### JAMES THOMAS.

James Thomas, a farmer who has an enviable reputation for progressiveness and energy, was born upon the place in Grand River township which he now owns, on the 25th of May, 1871, of the marriage of John and Polly (Abrahams) Thomas. The father was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1823, and the mother in Guernsey county, that state, on the 16th of March, 1832. John Thomas, who was a farmer and shoemaker by occupation, emigrated to Indiana in 1837 and resided there until the fall of 1854, when he came to Grand River township, this county, where his marriage occurred. He built a log cabin, in which he and his family lived in true pioneer fashion. Especially during the years of 1855 and 1856 there were many privations to be endured on account of the hard times, but Mr. Thomas did not give up the struggle and at length reaped the reward of his labors and courage, gaining gratifying material prosperity. In addition to breaking his land, which he had entered from the government, and improving his farm, he made the shoes not only for his family but for his neighbors as well. At first there were but four or five families in the township and the sense of isolation was added to the other hardships of the early settlers. His wife was a true helpmate and did many things that the women of the present day are not called upon to perform owing to changed conditions. She cared for all the wants

of her household and among her other duties made all of the clothes for the family, which was no small task, as there were seven children, Anna C., William A., Sarah E., Amanda J., Mary E., Stephen and James. The father died in Grand River township on the 20th of July, 1892, but the mother survived until the 11th of March, 1904.

James Thomas attended the district schools and the high school at Macksburg. Following the death of his father he assumed charge of the operation of the homestead and resided with his mother until her death. He has continued to operate the home farm until the present time and now owns two hundred and forty acres of splendid land, being a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He feeds many head of cattle and hogs annually for commercial purposes only, specializing in Duroc Jersey hogs and shorthorn cattle.

In 1904 Mr. Thomas married Miss Eva Whitworth, likewise a native of this county and a daughter of Thomas and Hulda (Johnson) Whitworth. Her father, who was born in Cambridgeshire, England, the 2d of October, 1837, came to the United States on the 21st of May, 1852, and settled in Medina county, Ohio. After leaving the Buckeye state he resided for a time in Bureau county, Illinois, but on the 3d of July, 1867, he arrived in Madison county, Iowa, and remained a resident here for thirty-three years. He died at Macksburg of injuries inflicted by an explosion at the fire in Townsend's store on the 21st of January, 1899. His wife was born in Ohio county, Indiana, on the 20th of February, 1843, and in 1856 accompanied her parents to Iowa. She passed away on the 23d of November, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have two children: Hazel, born March 31, 1905; and Dale, born on the 21st of February, 1909.

Mr. Thomas votes with the democratic party and is now serving as township trustee. He has also been trustee and deacon of the Baptist church, of which he is a consistent member, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows finds in him a loyal adherent. He is faithful to every trust reposed in him and holds friendship inviolable, while as a citizen he places the public good above his private interests.

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### JACOB POPE.

Jacob Pope, a representative farmer, residing on section 8, Webster township, was born in Freeport, Illinois, on the 25th of February, 1853, a son of Stephen and Eliza (Eygabroad) Pope, the former a native of England and the latter of New York, more detailed mention of whom will be found in the sketch of Stephen C. Pope, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Jacob Pope was but four years of age when the family removed to Webster township, this county, and he therefore received his education in the district schools of that township. Although the winter months were given over largely to the study of books, the rest of the year was devoted to assisting with the farm work, and in so doing he learned lessons that have proved of incalculable value to him since. He not only gained knowledge concerning practical methods of agriculture but was trained to habits of industry, perseverance and close application, which go far toward insuring success in any line of work. When twenty-

one years of age he began farming in Webster township on his own account and in the years that have since passed his resources have increased steadily and he has accumulated a competence. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and both branches of his business yield a good profit. For fifty-seven years he has resided continuously in Webster township and is now the second oldest settler within its limits.

On the 19th of November, 1904, Mr. Pope married Miss Almyra Weeks, who was born in Monroe township, a daughter of George F. and Almyra (Jeffers) Weeks. Her father was born in Coles county, Illinois, in 1842 and now makes his home with his daughter. He was born and reared upon a farm and in 1859 came to Monroe township, this county, where he devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He still owns land in that township but is leaving its cultivation to others. In 1861 he enlisted in Company H, Twenty-third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and served at the front for three years as a teamster. Upon his return from the war he again concentrated his energies upon farming and was successful at that occupation. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and its teachings are the guiding principles of his life. He has been married three times and has eleven children living, Mrs. Pope being the eleventh in order of birth. Her mother, Mrs. Almyra (Jeffers) Weeks, died on the 14th of July, 1883, at the age of thirty-seven years.

Mr. Pope is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and contributes to its support. He has no political aspirations whatever but supports the republican party. He has always felt a strong distaste for publicity, yet quietly and steadfastly performed the tasks that lay before him. He has not only gained a fair measure of prosperity but he has also contributed to the agricultural wealth of the county and his life has in an unostentatious way made for righteousness in the community at large. He remembers many of the happenings in the early days of this county when Winterset was but a small village and when the settlers were almost entirely dependent upon their own resources. When the family came to this state they made the journey with ox team and wagon and on the way saw much land that was as yet undeveloped. Mr. Pope takes pleasure in recalling to mind the conditions of early days and in contrasting them with the prosperity of the present and derives much satisfaction from the thought that he is a representative of a family that aided in laying the foundation upon which the present development is based.

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#### J. K. GATTENBY.

J. K. Gattenby, a retired farmer residing in Macksburg, was born in Moores Hill, Indiana, on the 25th of October, 1847, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Wills) Gattenby, both natives of the Hoosier state, born October 20, 1824, and November 16, 1828, respectively. The father passed away on the 30th of March, 1848, when not yet twenty-four years of age, but the mother survived for many years, dying near Macksburg on the 4th of April, 1905, when more than seventy-six years old. The father was a cooper by trade and was an excellent workman.

J. K. Gattenby attended school in Jennings county, Indiana, and remained at home with his mother and stepfather until February, 1865, when he enlisted at Columbus in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and mustered in at Indianapolis. He was ordered to Dalton, Georgia, where he was assigned to garrison duty, and he was also stationed at Resaca, Carlsville, Marietta, Cuthbert and Bainbridge, all in Georgia. He rejoined his regiment at Macon, that state, and was mustered out at Indianapolis in 1866. Upon his return home he began farming. Subsequently he removed to Illinois and in 1880 came to this county, settling in Grand River township. For the last thirty-five years he has resided in Madison county continuously and he gave his attention exclusively to farming and stock-raising until he retired from active life. He owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land here and derives therefrom a gratifying income, although he leaves the actual work of the place to others and is living retired in Macksburg, where he removed in 1911.

In 1871 Mr. Gattenby married Miss Grace Young, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Elias and Phoebe (Shoemaker) Young, who were born in Ohio and Indiana respectively. Her father, who was a cooper by trade, removed to Illinois in 1853 and there acquired title to land. He fed and shipped stock extensively and resided in that state until called to the home beyond at the age of sixty years. He was a republican and quite active in political affairs, and gave his religious allegiance to the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom Mrs. Gattenby is the fifth in order of birth. She is a loyal and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active part in its various lines of work.

Three of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gattenby survive, as follows: Henry E., born on the 26th of May, 1873, is farming his father's land. He is married and has five sons and three daughters. Nellie is the wife of Allen H. Rowe, a son of Martin Rowe. Lennie is now the wife of M. H. Corey, a well known farmer of Jefferson county, Iowa, whose first wife was Daisy M., also a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gattenby. He has two children, Ernest and Paul, by his second marriage.

Mr. Gattenby is a republican and has held a number of township offices. Fraternally he is connected with Grand River Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., and wears the bronze button that indicates his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He has at all times lived up to high standards of citizenship and is justly esteemed in Macksburg and its vicinity, where he is well known and has many warm friends.

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#### L. J. HARRIS.

L. J. Harris, deceased, was a well known farmer of Monroe township, and those who were associated with him held him in high esteem. He was born in Indiana on the 14th of September, 1830, and was a son of Harvard Harris, a landowner of that state. He was married in the Hoosier state on the 14th of September, 1853, to Miss Sarah E. Berry, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, on the 6th of March, 1833. In 1854 they came by wagon to Madison county



FAMILY AND RESIDENCE OF L. J. HARRIS





and settled in Monroe township, where Mr. Harris entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. His father made the journey with him and spent the remainder of his life in this county.

L. J. Harris erected a log house upon his farm and in this the family resided until 1861, when he built the residence which is still the home of his widow. As the years passed he made many improvements upon his place, bringing it to a high state of development. He was not afraid of hard work and long hours and his well directed industry was rewarded by abundant crops, the sale of which netted him a good profit on his year's work. He also raised live stock and found that a remunerative phase of his business.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harris were born eleven children: Mary Jane, who was born December 1, 1854, and died in childhood; Lucy Louisa, born March 1, 1857, who became the wife of T. E. Weeks and is now deceased; William I., born March 3, 1859, who resides in South Dakota; M. E., born September 19, 1861, who is a farmer of Webster township, this county; Martha Ann, deceased, who was born July 23, 1863, and became the wife of Byron Miller; Harbert H., who was born on the 16th of December, 1864, and died in infancy; Charles, deceased, whose birth occurred on the 25th of February, 1866; an infant who died unnamed; Sarah Frances, who was born on the 6th of March, 1868, and married L. A. Eldridge, a farmer of South township; Zeresh E., born February 1, 1871, who married Walter Skinner, of Newton, Iowa; and Joseph E., who was born on the 2d of December, 1874, and is living in Newton.

Mr. Harris was a republican and served as township trustee and as constable. He was a good citizen and in the private relation of life manifested admirable traits of character. His work as a farmer was crowned with well deserved success and he became one of the representative men of his township. He died on the 1st of April, 1903, and was sincerely mourned not only by his family but by many friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Harris still resides upon the homestead, which is operated by a grandson, Louis Irvin Weeks, whom she reared to manhood, as his mother died when he was but an infant. He was born on the 8th of May, 1879, and married Miss Maud Miles, by whom he has three daughters, Veva Elizabeth, Ruby Rosalie and Gertrude Fay. Mr. Weeks has recently purchased a farm in Nebraska but intends to continue his residence in this county.

Mrs. Harris takes great pleasure in recounting the stories of the early days in this part of the state and it seems almost unbelievable to one of the present generation that only fifty or sixty years ago such conditions as she tells of existed. At that time there were no roads and the old Indian trail which passed west of her home was the only highway in the neighborhood. There were no bridges across the river, which necessitated this being forded, and in times of high water it was very dangerous to attempt to cross. Winterset was but a small village and there was not a house between North Clanton and South Clanton. The principal crop raised was wheat, which was cut with a sickle and tramped out with horses. The grain when so separated from the chaff was at first taken to Indianola to be ground into flour, although later the Buffalo Mills were established in this county. In that early day the wheat was often severely infected with a disease known as smut, so much so that the flour and the biscuits made therefrom were black. Indians were numerous although not hostile and Mrs. Harris

was afraid of them. On one occasion her husband and father-in-law went to Ringgold county to look at land but as Indians were numerous there her husband remarked "It would be no use to try to fetch Sally down here." During the early part of their residence in Madison county their only artificial light was from grease lamps and candles and when Mr. Harris brought home a glass lamp which burned kerosene Mrs. Harris was fearful that it might be dangerous and was unwilling to use it. While a girl living in Marion county, Indiana, she saw the first train enter that county and a number of years later witnessed the arrival of the first train in this county. Although she has reached the advanced age of eighty-two years she is still hale and hearty and takes a great interest in all that is going on around her. Her reminiscences of the early days are not only of interest but also of value as they enable the men and women of today to realize more clearly the sacrifices that the early settlers made in laying the foundation of the present prosperity of the county.

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#### ALBERT B. JOHNSON.

Albert B. Johnson, who is residing upon his fine farm on section 11, Ohio township, is one of the wealthy and well known farmers and stockmen of that township. He was born on the 5th of October, 1853, in Lee county, Iowa, a son of William G. and Sarah J. (Leasure) Johnson. The father, whose birth occurred at Windsor, Ohio, July 12, 1826, was of Irish descent and the mother, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1832, was of Welsh and German lineage. Her father was a descendant of Zwigley, the great religious reformer. When but a boy Mr. Johnson came west with his parents, the family settling in Missouri in 1840. Five years later they removed to Lee county, Iowa, and there he grew to manhood and was married. Although he was a farmer he also preached the Gospel, being from 1862 until his death a minister of the Missionary Baptist church. In 1855 he returned to Missouri but at the time of the Civil war was compelled to leave that state on account of his northern sympathies and went again to Lee county, Iowa, where he died in January, 1910. He survived his wife for a decade, as she was called to her reward in 1900.

Albert B. Johnson remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age and in his boyhood and youth gave much of his time to the acquirement of an education. He first attended the district schools and the graded school at Farmington, Iowa, and supplemented the knowledge thus acquired by study at the State Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri. Upon beginning his independent business career he went to Nevada, where for a time he engaged in silver and gold mining, and then returned to Iowa, where he was married. In 1876 he located upon the farm in Ohio township where he has since resided. His father early trained him in agricultural pursuits, and the knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the stock which he learned in boyhood enabled him to farm successfully when he began operating land on his own account. He has always been progressive and willing to utilize the discoveries of investigators along agricultural lines and in his work has always used the latest machinery. As he prospered he purchased more land and now owns six

hundred and forty acres in Ohio township. He now rents the farm land but stocks the grazing land himself, buying cattle and hogs which he feeds and sells at a good profit. He is one of the extensive stockmen of the county and one of the leading men in his township. He has a number of interests aside from his land, as he is a stockholder and director of the Truro Savings Bank and one of the organizers and president of the Farmers' Mutual Telephone Company of Truro.

On the 16th of October, 1876, Mr. Johnson was married in Madison county, Iowa, at the home of the bride's parents in Ohio township, to Miss Mary J. Foster, a daughter of Reuben and Barbara E. (Arnold) Foster. Her father was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 14th of March, 1828, and is of Pennsylvania Dutch, English and Scotch descent. His wife, who was born in the same county on the 21st of August, 1830, is also of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. They were married on the 25th of April, 1852, in Ohio and in the fall of the following year removed to Eddyville, Iowa, where the father farmed for a year. He came west with a party of settlers, there being thirteen wagons in the train, and it took thirty-one days to make the trip. In 1855 the Foster family located in Madison county and the father entered land in Ohio township, where he resided for twenty-five years. At the outbreak of the Civil war he answered the call of his country and served until disabled, when he returned to his farm in Ohio township. At length, however, he and his wife removed to St. Charles, Iowa, where they resided for four years, but in 1914, on account of Mrs. Foster's ill health, they took up their residence with their daughter, Mrs. William Black, of Ohio township. In 1912, while residing at St. Charles, they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. Johnson is a republican in his political views and beginning in January, 1895, served for six years as a member of the board of county supervisors. He is now trustee of Ohio township and his record as a public official is a highly creditable one. He and his wife are both affiliated with the Ohio Baptist church, of which he is now deacon. For a number of years he was treasurer of the church and is one of its influential members. His wife belongs to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Although he has always given strict attention to his business affairs he has never allowed his work to cause him to forget the duties that he owes to his community as a good citizen and many measures that have contributed largely to the public good have profited from his cooperation. In fact he can always be depended upon to aid in any way possible the material, moral and social advancement of his community.

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#### EDMUND BASIL HARRELL.

Edmund Basil Harrell, who has for four years been engaged in farming in Madison county, Iowa, intends to move to Redwood county, Minnesota, where he has purchased two hundred and eighty acres of land. He was born in Scott township, this county, on the 1st of July, 1890, a son of Edgar Harrell, who is mentioned more at length elsewhere in this work. Our subject was reared upon his father's farm and as a boy much of his time was taken up with assistance

with the farm work. His education was not neglected, however, as he received a good common-school education, attending the district schools. Upon starting out in life independently he decided to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, as he believed it to be both profitable and congenial, and during the last four years has operated the farm belonging to his grandfather's estate. He is energetic, always seeks to increase his efficiency and is ready to utilize the results of experiments along the line of scientific agriculture. He has prospered financially and has bought two hundred and eighty acres of land in Redwood county, Minnesota, and intends to remove there.

On the 21st of September, 1910, Mr. Harrell was united in marriage to Miss Millie Lola Brady, who was born in Monroe township, this county, a daughter of M. O. Brady, who is a well known farmer of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell have two children, Edmund Paul and Margaret. He is a representative of a family that is well known and highly esteemed in this county and his many friends regret his departure, although wishing him a continuance of the success that has crowned his labors here.

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#### ARTHUR E. GOSHORN.

The Winterset News holds a position of influence in the life of Madison county and is known to the press of the state as a progressive and well edited paper, its proprietor and editor, Arthur E. Goshorn, being a man of large experience in journalism and of excellent ability along that line. He is also postmaster of Winterset and has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the city, which is his birthplace. He was born on the 18th of September, 1859, a son of John S. and Hattie (Stiffler) Goshorn, both of whom were natives of Blair county, Pennsylvania. The father was born on the 25th of May, 1830, and is still living at Hubbell, Nebraska, but the mother, who was born in 1836, passed away in June, 1882.

John S. Goshorn was a nail cutter in the steel works at Pittsburg, but being desirous of taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the new and growing west, he removed to Morning Sun, Louisa county, Iowa, in 1851. He taught in a log schoolhouse in that town but in 1854 removed to Winterset, where he conducted a select school and engaged in teaching until 1861. Then the great need of the country dwarfed all other considerations and he, like so many other citizens of Iowa, offered his services to the Federal government. He was made second lieutenant of Company F, Fourth Iowa Infantry, and served with his command until the 22d of April, 1862, when he resigned. He later recruited Company E of the Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry, of which he was made captain. He participated in the battle of Pea Ridge and also did guard duty at Helena, Arkansas. Abe Stiffler, his brother-in-law, was second lieutenant of Company E. Following the close of hostilities Mr. Goshorn returned to Winterset and again engaged in teaching. In 1866 he was elected county superintendent of schools and proved a capable official. About that time he also entered the insurance field and in 1868 he was made special representative and adjuster of the



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Farmers Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids. In 1884 he resigned that position and went to Lincoln, Nebraska, as secretary of a Nebraska insurance company. He has since made his home in that state and has acquired quite extensive landed holdings. In 1900 he retired from active life and is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Laura Hudson. He has always taken an active part in political affairs and represented Thayer county in the Nebraska state legislature. While a resident of Winterset he was a leading member of the Presbyterian church here. To him and his wife were born four children: Robert M., who is a newspaper man of Calispell, Montana; Arthur E., of this review; Mrs. Laura Hudson; and Mrs. Nell Paxson, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Arthur E. Goshorn first attended his father's school and then the Winterset high school, from which he was graduated under Professor Zeller. He continued his education in the State University of Iowa, which conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1880. In that year he went to Helena, Montana, and was employed at various things until 1881, when he returned to Winterset. He was elected teacher of the sixth grade in the city schools and made such an excellent record in that capacity that in the following year he was made principal of the South ward school and eighth grade teacher. In the same year he was a candidate for county superintendent of schools and was defeated by but one vote. In 1883 he removed to Pierce, Nebraska, and established the *Pierce Times*, a democratic newspaper. He disposed of his paper in 1887 and returned to Winterset. On the 4th of February of the following year he purchased the *Winterset News*, which he has ably conducted for more than a quarter of a century. It is the official organ of the democratic party in Madison county and the only democratic paper in the county. It has a large circulation and gives its readers not only all the local news of interest but also brief accounts of the more important events in the world at large. It is a force in securing community progress and advancement, as it often initiates movements for the public welfare and is whole-hearted in its support of all efforts to promote the general good. Mr. Goshorn gave his undivided attention to his journalistic work until the 2d of June, 1913, when he was appointed postmaster of Winterset by President Wilson. He is the present incumbent in that position and is proving systematic and capable, performing with accuracy and dispatch the duties devolving upon him.

Mr. Goshorn was married in 1883 to Miss Kate Shriver, a native of this county. More detailed mention of the Shriver family is found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Goshorn passed away in July, 1911, leaving four children. Mabel is the wife of Horace G. Tate, who is in the electrical department of a large garage in Cedar Rapids. Mrs. Tate received an excellent education as after graduating from the Winterset high school she was for one year a student in Western College at Oxford, Ohio. Robert, who was born May 8, 1890, graduated from the Winterset high school and attended the State University of Iowa for one year. He is manager of the *Winterset News* and part owner of the Iowa Theatre. Katharine is a graduate of the Winterset high school and is now taking a course in domestic science at Ames. Martha, the youngest, is at home and is attending school. In July, 1914, Mr. Goshorn married Miss Gertrude Rhodes, of Grinnell, Iowa, who previous to her marriage taught science in the Winterset high school.

Mr. Goshorn is a member of the Masonic order, having joined that organization at Pierce, Nebraska. For twenty years or more he was chairman of the county democratic central committee and has done much to strengthen his party throughout the county. His interest in many outdoor sports is attested by the fact that he was for a number of years catcher of the Winterset baseball team and was only beaten once from 1877 to 1884. While a student at the State University he was catcher on the university team. He invariably caught with his bare hand, never using a glove, and his fingers still show marks. He is very fond of hunting and has one of the finest dogs in the state. He often goes to Canada or to the American Rocky mountains for big game and has mounted specimens which he has killed of deer, elk, mountain lions, Rocky mountain sheep and goats, in fact, practically all kinds of big game save the grizzly bear. He is also an enthusiastic fisherman and was the first to go from this county to Northern Minnesota for bass. Many others have since followed his example. From his boyhood he has been much interested in the out-of-doors and while in the State University specialized in geology and zoology. For many years he has made a specialty of the study of the geology of Madison county and was employed by a Chicago syndicate to make a special report on the available quarry sites on all the streams in the county, which he considers the finest piece of work that he has done along that line. His life has been one of well directed activity and Madison county is the richer in many ways for his having lived in it, and the high regard in which he is held is fully merited.

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#### MARQUIS LAFAYETTE McPHERSON.

Marquis Lafayette McPherson, as the name McPherson implies, was of Scotch descent. He was born May 29, 1822, at a place near the line between the two states of Carolina, probably within the state of North Carolina. His parents, William and Mary McPherson, with their four small sons, Oliver, Marquis Lafayette, Enoch and John, removed to Morgan county, Indiana, about the year 1830. The father in a small way was a farmer as well as a harnessmaker.

In Indiana in those days the people were poor. There were no free schools, with the result that schools were in session but a few months of the year, conducted by teachers who received their pay on the subscription plan. A Mr. Preston, an Englishman, taught for quite a time the country school near the McPherson home, and, being highly educated, he had much to do in directing the habits and mind of M. L. McPherson. During the school years of 1846 and 1847 he attended Asbury University, at Greencastle, Indiana. He then studied law, as was the custom of those days, in a law office. Algernon Sidney Griggs, a lawyer of prominence at the county seat, Martinsville, Indiana, was his instructor in law. After remaining with him for a year, Mr. McPherson removed to Arkansas to engage in the practice of law, but after staying there two years he returned to his old home in Indiana, where he remained about a year, teaching school. His brother John had located near Carthage, Illinois, and Mr. McPherson of this review followed him. While in western Illinois he became acquainted with Miss Mary E. Tibbles, who later became his wife.



M. L. McPherson conceived the idea that Iowa was the place for him to reside. Accordingly, without money and without friends with money or influence, he walked from Carthage, Illinois, to Winterset, Iowa, then but a village, where he arrived in the spring of 1850. He taught a term of school in the old log courthouse at Winterset; he cut cordwood along some streams and split some rails, but it was not long until he had clients. He soon became quite prominent in the new republican party but although much of his time was taken up by politics he continued his law practice, which increased until he was in every suit of importance in Madison county as well as in a fair percentage of the litigation not only in the surrounding counties but in many of the counties of western Iowa. It has been said that he had but few equals in power with both courts and juries. He had an unusual vocabulary, his pronunciation was good, and his reading had been extensive, particularly in history and in the literature of oratory, both ancient and modern. His powers of wit and humor, of sarcasm and invective and denunciation as well as of declamation and reasoning and his universally high repute enabled him to hold his own, even in counties where he was largely a stranger, with a host of the old-time lawyers, and in those days there were many strong men in the legal profession in central and western Iowa. His partner from 1859 to 1862 was G. N. Elliott. His practice was interrupted by his military service during the Civil war but following his return to civil life he resumed his practice, forming a partnership with B. F. Murray. He was in many of the important cases tried in western Iowa, civil as well as criminal. In 1869 he removed to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and formed a partnership for the practice of law with Captain D. W. Price, one of the most brilliant public speakers that Iowa ever produced. In 1870 Mr. McPherson was elected district attorney for the third Iowa judicial district and in the following January entered upon the duties of that office. The district included the counties of Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont, Montgomery, Page, Adams, Taylor, Union, Ringgold, Decatur and Clarke and his official duties required him to attend court in each county twice a year. Although his health failed him soon after he took office he attended several terms of court during the first half of 1871. In the summer of that year he went to New York city for treatment but his health was unimproved and he returned home, going in the latter part of 1871 to St. Louis, where he passed away in a hospital on the 29th of December of that year. His body was taken to Council Bluffs and interment was made in Fair View cemetery.

Mr. McPherson was a man of the highest principles and was an uncompromising enemy of evil in all forms. He had a bitter hatred of saloons and the liquor traffic and delivered temperance addresses in the villages and at the country settlements in Madison and adjoining counties while living in Winterset. A few years after his arrival in this city he became a leader in the formation of the new republican party, which was grounded on morality and the freedom of every human being. He took part in the campaign of 1856, supporting Fremont for the presidency, and in 1857 he unofficially called a mass convention for Madison county of all those who were opposed to the extension of slavery and was the principal speaker at the convention. He aroused the people by declamation and by his extraordinary powers of reasoning and in a few years became one of the idols of central Iowa in the political field. He was a delegate at large at the Chicago convention of 1860, at which Abraham Lincoln was nominated as the republican

candidate for president. During the campaign that followed Mr. McPherson worked sincerely and heartily for the election of Mr. Lincoln and was a presidential elector on the republican ticket. In those days the position of elector was one of great prominence and, although then, as now, it was a position of honor only, men were often selected because of ability and willingness to make a political campaign. Mr. McPherson traveled the west half of the state and delivered speeches in many of the counties and those who heard him say that but few, if any, republican orators in Iowa eclipsed him in brilliancy and power of public speech.

He was twice elected to the state senate from the district comprising Madison, Adair, Guthrie and Dallas counties, serving eight years. The last session of which he was a member was in the winter of 1862. That was the formative period for building railroads and the railroad committee, of which he was a member, was one of the most important committees. He was also a member of the judiciary committee. He was one of the leaders in securing legislation which gave a married woman the right to own property, to make contracts, to sue and be sued, and which gave her the same right in her husband's property as the husband had in the wife's property at death. The legislation then adopted with reference to the rights of women has remained upon the statute books until the present day. The name of Mr. McPherson was urged for the office of secretary of state by Madison county in 1860 and in 1861 that county supported him for the nomination for congress. Five years later he was again a candidate for nomination to congress but on the second day of the convention his name was withdrawn at his request.

Mr. McPherson was with the Union army for three years, receiving the appointment, over the signature of President Lincoln, of captain of commissary subsistence, his commission being dated March 6, 1862. Later he was promoted to the office of major and left the service by resignation with the brevet of lieutenant colonel, June 12, 1865. The greater part of the time he was with the armies in Kentucky and Tennessee. In October, 1866, he organized the first Grand Army post in Winterset and was made its first commander.

Mr. McPherson was survived by his widow, who, however, also passed away a number of years ago. A daughter, Ida, died when a child. His eldest daughter, Ada, married a civil engineer, W. R. Morley, a man of much eminence, who ran the line of the Santa Fe Railroad over the mountains in New Mexico. He was building the line of the Mexican Central from El Paso, Texas, to the city of Mexico, Mexico, when in 1883 he was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun. The youngest daughter, Mary, married Professor Schaper, of one of the German universities, who died several years ago, leaving his widow and a son.

Mr. McPherson lived a life in part of gentleness and with peace of mind and contentment, but like many men who have been active practitioners of law, he engaged in politics and public life and there came inevitable conflicts. However, there was never any question as to his integrity or sincerity and even those who differed from him in opinion respected him highly. As one of the leaders in the formation of the republican party in his part of Iowa he demonstrated the qualities of aggressiveness, fearlessness and moral enthusiasm. He became known as a public speaker of unusual effectiveness and his work was an important factor in the success of his party. His record in public office was a very creditable one

and as a lawyer he was not only successful in a marked degree but there was never the slightest doubt of his fidelity to a client or to the calling in which he was engaged.

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### LESTER J. HILL.

Among those who have found farming and stock-raising to be profitable occupations is numbered Lester J. Hill, of section 11, Penn township, who was born in that township on the 4th of April, 1876, a son of Benoni and Mazana (Pickett) Hill. The father was born in Randolph county, Indiana, on the 15th of May, 1844, of the marriage of Mathew and Fanny (Diggs) Hill. Mathew Hill, a native of North Carolina, became one of the first settlers of Indiana, where he purchased land, which he operated until some time in the '80s, when he came to Madison county, Iowa, where his children were residing, and built a comfortable residence in Earlham. He passed away there in the late '80s and was survived by his widow for a number of years, her demise occurring in the '90s. She was a native of Randolph county, Indiana.

Benoni Hill was reared and educated in Indiana and attended school until eighteen years of age, when he enlisted in Company H, Eighty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He served in the Union army from August, 1862, until the close of the war. In March, 1867, he took up his residence in Madison county, Iowa, and rented land for five years. At the end of that time he bought eighty acres in Penn township, but after seven years sold that tract and turned his attention to operating a farm of two hundred and forty acres near Earlham belonging to his uncle. He was so employed for eighteen years and was a well known stockman, dealing chiefly in Hereford cattle. He was a republican and served as trustee of Penn township. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Friends church and all who knew him esteemed him. He passed away on the 23d of July, 1901. His wife was born on July 3, 1844, a daughter of John B. and Merab (Cox) Pickett, natives respectively of North Carolina and Randolph county, Indiana. Her father removed to Indiana with his parents when but eight years of age and was there reared and educated. Upon starting out for himself he entered land from the government and before he could cultivate it had to clear it of timber. After much hard work he had his land all under cultivation and his farm became one of the well improved places of his locality. His demise occurred on the 19th of August, 1897, and that of his wife on the 17th of April, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Hill had three children: Effie, who died when eight months old; Frank, who died on the 9th of September, 1892, when twenty-one years of age; and Lester.

The last named was reared in Penn township and acquired his education in the district schools and in Earlham Academy. When twenty-four years of age he left home and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 11, Penn township, which he has since cultivated and improved. He feeds considerable stock each year, usually shipping three or four carloads annually. He is not only industrious but so plans his work that he avoids all unnecessary waste of time or energy, thus receiving the largest possible return from his labor.

On the 7th of November, 1900, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Fleming, a daughter of William and Deborah (Kilbourn) Fleming, natives of Darke county, Ohio. In 1858 they arrived in Madison county and entered three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 11, Penn township. The father continued to cultivate this land until he was incapacitated for further farm work by losing both legs as a result of freezing his feet. He then removed to Earlham, where he resided until death called him on the 28th of August, 1911. His wife died on the 27th of March, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have four children: Frank M., thirteen years of age; Bruce B., ten years old; Gladys F., seven; and Howard L., three.

Mr. Hill is a republican and is unwavering in his loyalty to the party that stood by the Union when it was assailed by foes. He has been honored with a number of local positions of trust, having served as township trustee and clerk. His parents were among the early settlers of the county and performed well the work that was given their generation to do and Mr. Hill of this review is doing his part to further the development of the county in the present day, thus adding to the honor in which the family name is held.

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#### ROBERT E. PHILLIPS.

Robert E. Phillips, a farmer and stockman residing on section 36, Walnut township, is a native of Iowa, born in Muscatine county on the 1st of November, 1865, a son of George W. and Mary (Loy) Phillips, both of German descent. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of Ohio but they were married in Muscatine county, Iowa, and continued to reside there until called by death. The father was a farmer and was quite successful in that occupation. His demise occurred on the 2d of January, 1907, and that of his wife in February, 1905.

Robert E. Phillips was given a common-school education and was also carefully trained in agricultural work. He remained upon the farm with his parents until twenty-one years of age and then started out for himself, renting land which he operated for four years. He saved his money carefully and at the end of that time purchased a quarter section of land just across the road from the old homestead. He resided there for eight years, when he sold his land and in 1899 came to Madison county, Iowa, purchasing two hundred and forty acres on section 36, Walnut township, and eighty-three acres on section 31, Ohio township. He resides in Walnut township and his activities as a farmer and stock-raiser yield him a handsome income. In fact he is one of the most substantial men in his locality and as he displays excellent business judgment in the management of his affairs his resources are steadily increasing.

On the 5th of January, 1887, Mr. Phillips married Miss Elizabeth Windus, a daughter of Thomas G. and Orpha (Drew) Windus, the former a native of England and the latter of Allegany county, New York. Her family was of Yankee stock and possessed the sturdy characteristics of the residents of New England. Mr. Windus was a shoemaker by trade but after his removal to Muscatine county, Iowa, which occurred in 1860, he engaged in farming. He re-

sided upon his land until 1901, when he rented the farm and removed to West Liberty, where he lived retired until his death in 1904. His widow survives and still makes her home in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of five children. Eva married Ben Allen, a farmer of Clark county, Iowa, and they have four children, Ruth, Harold, Nola and Wendell. Elmer married Catherine Patterson and is a farmer of Walnut township. Wilma is the wife of Fred Beeler, a farmer of Ohio township. Edwin is assisting his father with the work of the homestead. Ada married Harry Lowe, who is engaged in the garage business in Winterset.

Mr. Phillips is a republican and for seven years has served as trustee in Walnut township and as a member of the district school board for ten years. Both he and his wife attend the Oak Run Christian church, in the work of which they take a praiseworthy interest. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America of Truro and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at West Liberty. His wife is a prominent member of the Rebekah Lodge at West Liberty and is a past grand. Mr. Phillips has taken considerable interest in the business expansion of the town of Peru and helped to organize the Peru Savings Bank, of which he is a stockholder. His attention is, however, in the main concentrated upon his farming and stockraising. He feeds a large number of hogs annually, specializing in the Poland China breed, and he also raises a number of shorthorn cattle which he sells to a stock buyer. All of his stock is of high grade and he takes considerable pride in his Percheron Norman horses. It is to such men as he, men who put into their farming operations the same energy, intelligence, good judgment and progressiveness that business men give to their interests, that the agricultural development of the county and state is due and it is but natural that his labors have made him financially independent.

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### FRED C. HERREN.

Fred C. Herren, who is a member of the real-estate firm of Callison & Herren, of Macksburg, also gives considerable attention to the supervision of his farming interests. A native of Vermont, he was born on the 19th of January, 1860, and is a son of Robert Herren, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. When he was nine years of age he was brought to Madison county, the family home being established in the vicinity of Winterset, but in 1876 a removal was made to a farm in Grand River township, where Fred C. Herren remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. He was then married and began farming on his own account. He owns land in Monroe and Walnut townships and his wife inherited three quarter sections from her father, on one of which Mr. and Mrs. Herren reside. Mr. Herren understands thoroughly the principles that underlie successful farming and is also an excellent business man, deriving a good financial return from his land. He is engaged in the real-estate business as a member of the firm of Callison & Herren, of Macksburg, and in that connection is influential in bringing about many transfers of realty that are satisfactory alike to purchaser and seller.

Mr. Herren was married in 1885 to Miss Allie Mack, a daughter of Dr. J. H. Mack, and they have five children: C. R., who is farming in Grand River township; Mrs. Alpha Wolf and Mrs. Glen Wolf, also residing upon farms in that township; and Ray and Dean, at home.

The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Herren is a republican in his political belief. He is not indifferent to anything that affects the public good and has held a number of minor offices, discharging his duties with credit to himself. He has succeeded in business and in agriculture and is justly considered one of the progressive citizens of his township.

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#### WILLIAM H. DUDLEY.

William H. Dudley, holding the office of postmaster at Earlham, was appointed to that position in July, 1913, and has since ably discharged the duties devolving upon him in that capacity. His birth occurred in Panora, Guthrie county, Iowa, on the 1st of December, 1869, his parents being Elisha and Frances (Whisler) Dudley, the former a native of Guernsey county, Ohio, and the latter of Virginia. Elisha Dudley came to this county with his parents in 1854, when seventeen years of age, and after carrying on agricultural pursuits for some time, his father removed to Guthrie county, Iowa, there entering a tract of land which he cultivated until 1884. In that year he made his way to Nebraska, where he was engaged in farming for some time and lived with his son until he passed away in 1889, when seventy-nine years of age. The demise of his wife occurred in 1904, when she had reached the ripe old age of ninety years. Elisha Dudley, father of our subject, also purchased a tract of land in Guthrie county, Iowa, which he improved and operated until 1912, since which time he has lived retired with his children, being now seventy-nine years of age. His wife was called to her final rest on the 30th of January, 1912, at the age of seventy-two years.

William H. Dudley was reared and educated in the place of his nativity and taught in the public schools for four years. Subsequently he was busily engaged in the cultivation of rented land for about eight years and on the expiration of that period purchased a tract of one hundred and ten acres which he improved and operated for six years. He then disposed of the property and embarked in the real-estate and insurance business at Redfield, Dallas county, but at the end of a year removed to Earlham in 1908 and was here successfully engaged in the same business until appointed to his present position. It was in July, 1913, that he became postmaster of Earlham and in that office he has since made a most commendable and highly satisfactory record.

In October, 1894, Mr. Dudley was united in marriage to Miss Alice Moore, a daughter of John and Almira (Patterson) Moore, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They took up their abode among the pioneer settlers of Guthrie county, Iowa, where the father purchased and improved a tract of land, which he cultivated throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in April, 1913, while his wife was called to her final rest in May, 1906. To Mr. and Mrs. Dudley have been born two children, namely: Dolores D., nineteen years of age,

who is engaged in the profession of teaching in this county; and Velma M., who is seventeen years old and attends school.

In his political views Mr. Dudley is a stalwart democrat. He has served for three years on the town council, also acted as clerk for two years and is now a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church. He is well known and highly respected throughout the community and is numbered among its enterprising citizens. He is a man of unblemished character and always to be relied upon to give his influence to any cause seeking the advancement of the moral and educational interests of the people.

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#### FRANCIS M. PEED.

A fine modern farm of three hundred and thirty acres in Douglas township pays tribute to its owner, Francis M. Peed, who was born on the 2d of December, 1854, in Lawrence county, Indiana. His father, Edmund Peed, was likewise a native of that county, his birth occurring in 1827. He was an agriculturist and resided in his native state until 1853, when, with his belongings in saddle bags, he started on horseback for the west. He found Dallas county, Iowa, to his liking and stopped there but only remained a few months, though in that time he built a log cabin. He then returned to Indiana and in 1856, with his family, made the journey to this state, settling, however, in Madison county. He entered land on section 4, Douglas township, paying therefor a dollar and a quarter per acre. There were many deer and elk in this section and deer were killed as late as 1871. As soon as possible he erected a cabin and broke his land, thus providing a home for his family and making possible the raising of grain to supply food. His next care was to fence his fields with rails and he was continually throughout his active life making improvements upon his farm, which became one of the valuable properties of his neighborhood. He not only cultivated the usual cereals, but was also an extensive stock-raiser and accumulated more than a competence. In 1890 he retired from active life and lived in Winterset until 1904, when he passed away at the age of seventy-seven. There were a number of families from Indiana who were living in the same neighborhood in Douglas township and among them Mr. Peed was an acknowledged leader in social, political, educational and religious affairs. His church membership was held in the Church of Christ and he was an efficient worker in that organization. The saddle bags which he used on his first trip to Iowa are now in the museum of the Winterset Historical Society and his memory is honored as that of a worthy pioneer. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza White, was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1829, and died at the age of sixty-six in 1895. There were three children in their family, namely: Mrs. Nancy Moore, a resident of Douglas township; Francis M., of this review; and Charles T., living in Kansas.

Francis M. Peed first attended school held in a neighbor's house, as the settlers had not yet had time to erect a schoolhouse. He later continued the pursuit of an education in the first schoolhouse erected in the township. Needless to say,

the building was of logs and the seats were but board slabs. The training acquired in school, however, was but part of his education and under his father's instruction he early in life became familiar with the various phases of farm work. When twenty-one years of age he rented land and after his marriage lived upon his father-in-law's farm for a time. He purchased land as soon as his financial circumstances would permit and from time to time added to his holdings until he and his wife now own three hundred and thirty acres. He feeds and ships many cattle and hogs annually and has found that a profitable occupation. Much of the active work of the farm he leaves to others, but he supervises and directs their labors. His residence is modern in every particular and everything about the farm is kept in the best of repair. The prosperity which Mr. Peed enjoys is thoroughly deserved and the leisure which is now his is the reward of former toil.

On March 4, 1879, Mr. Peed was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca McGee, who was born in this county, November 1, 1856, of the marriage of Matthew M. and Caroline (Kale) McGee, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Peed have three living children. Roy M., who was born January 30, 1880, is residing upon his own farm in Douglas township and is specializing in the raising of registered Poland China hogs. He married Miss Grace Prall. Ira L., born August 6, 1881, owns land in Jackson township and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Retta B., is at home with her parents. She has received an excellent musical education but spends the most of her time as representative for the Curtis publications. A daughter, Mabel Grace, was born December 19, 1887, and died on the 8th of December, 1888.

Mr. Peed is a republican and, although without political aspirations, has exerted considerable influence in local party circles. His family are devout members of the Methodist church and are active factors in its work. He is well known throughout the county and to know him is to respect him, for he is upright and honorable as a man and as a citizen manifests a commendable concern for the public welfare.

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### PLEASANT BRITTAIN.

Pleasant Britain is well known in Madison county, although he now makes his home near Elliott, North Dakota, where he owns three hundred and twenty acres of good farm land. He is, however, a native son of Madison county, having been born on section 32, Jefferson township, on the 10th of February, 1868. His father, Alfred Britain, was born in Indiana, February 17, 1833, and with his parents removed to Missouri, whence he came to Madison county in 1851, casting in his lot with the pioneer settlers. The following year he married Eliza Sturman, who died in 1858. In 1854 he crossed the plains to California, remaining there for three years, after which he returned to the middle west, again becoming a resident of Madison county. On the 30th of October, 1859, was celebrated his second marriage, the lady of his choice being Miss Julia Barrow, who was born in Dekalb county, Missouri, January 13, 1837, a daughter of David and Mariah Barrow. The former was born in Kentucky and after living for some



years in Missouri removed to Monroe township, Madison county, Iowa, in 1852. Later in the same year he took up his abode on section 1, Union township, where he resided for a long period. He and his wife, known throughout the community as "Uncle Davy" and "Aunt Mariah," taught the first subscription school in the Farris neighborhood about the year 1853 or 1854. Mr. Barrow also built a small corn "cracker" on North river, near his home, about 1853, also made all of the machinery and everything connected with the mill with his own hands. This water-power mill he operated until after the war. He lived the simple life, was plain and unostentatious in manner but possessed genuine worth. He died about 1892 at a ripe old age. His good wife, "Aunt Rie," was well known for miles around, for many of the children, now grown to be grandparents, owe their existence to her medical skill. Her daughter, Julia Barrow, accompanied the parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Barrow, to Madison county in 1852 and in 1859 became the wife of Alfred Brittain. Both were charter members of the North River United Brethren church and took an active and helpful part in the church work. At the time of the Civil war Mr. Brittain responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting as a member of Company A, Thirty-ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. For more than sixty years he lived in Jefferson and Union townships, one of the highly respected citizens of the county, and when he passed away on the 23d of October, 1913, he was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church in which he had been so active and loyal a worker. His widow survived until February 15, 1914, and her remains were interred by the side of her husband.

Pleasant Brittain was the fourth in order of birth in a family of ten children and his youthful days were spent upon the old home farm, while his education was acquired in the Stone schoolhouse in Jefferson township, Madison county. His father instructed him in all branches of farm work as he grew to manhood and he has never sought to follow any other occupation, finding it congenial, pleasant and profitable. He first purchased an eighty-acre farm in Jefferson township and thereon tilled the fields successfully until a few years ago, when he sold his Madison county property and purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Ransom county, North Dakota. Following his marriage, which was celebrated on the 3d of April, 1901, he lived upon his farm in Jefferson township, Madison county, until the spring of 1904, when he removed to North Dakota, taking up his abode near Elliott. There he rented land for a few years, afterward purchased one hundred and sixty acres and in 1914 bought another tract of one hundred and sixty acres, so that he now has a valuable farm property. Moreover, he is a director of the Farmers' Elevator at Elliott and a director of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company of Ransom county, North Dakota.

On the 3d of April, 1901, at Winterset, Iowa, Mr. Brittain was united in marriage to Miss Theresa Mueller, whose birth occurred on section 2, Union township, Madison county, Iowa, September 7, 1870, her parents being George and Catharine (Schott) Mueller, of this county. She acquired her education in the Farris school in Union and district school No. 7 of Jefferson township and here grew to womanhood. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, namely: Nola O., who was born in Madison county, Iowa, October 12, 1903; and Catharine J., whose birth occurred in Ransom county, North Dakota.

June 5, 1907. Mrs. Brittain is a devoted and consistent member of the United Brethren church.

Fraternally Mr. Brittain is connected with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is serving as assessor of Springer township, Ransom county, having occupied the position since 1909. When he went from Madison county he left behind him many friends whom he had known through the period of his boyhood and youth as well as that of his early manhood. He is highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

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### JAMES M. OSBORN.

James M. Osborn, who was for many years a successful farmer residing on section 16, Walnut township, was born in Johnstown, New York, on the 2d of May, 1842, a son of Jed and Harriett (Stewart) Osborn, the former of whom was born in Maine of French descent and the latter born in New Hampshire of Scotch ancestry. Jed Osborn, who was by trade a basket-maker, came west in 1856 and took up his abode in the vicinity of Galesburg, Illinois, where he remained for fourteen years. In 1870 the family came still farther west and located upon a farm in Walnut township, this county, which the father purchased. He lived there until his death, which occurred in 1873, and his widow, who passed away in 1899, also died upon the home farm.

James M. Osborn began learning the basket-maker's trade with his father when quite young and while still a boy proved of great assistance to him. His education was that of most of the boys of his time, as it was acquired by attending the district schools. Upon laying aside his textbooks he concentrated his attention upon the making of baskets until he was twenty-nine years of age, using elm and oak splints. He was married at his father's home in 1870 and then began his independent career. He purchased land in Walnut township, where he resided until his death, with the exception of one year, which he spent in Illinois. On selling his farm, he for several years rented the place on section 16 where his widow now lives. He proved an efficient agriculturist and stock-raiser and devoted the greater part of his time to those pursuits, but never lost his skill as a basket-maker and in his spare moments worked at that trade. His demise, which occurred on the 29th of January, 1911, was the occasion of much sincere regret.

Mr. Osborn was married in 1870 to Miss Parmelia Young, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Roberts) Young, the former born in Maryland on the 24th of April, 1821, and the latter born in Pennsylvania, of German descent. The father was a harness and saddle maker and in 1861, when Mrs. Osborn was but twelve years of age, he brought his family to Walnut township, Madison county. He purchased land here and continued to reside thereon until 1892, when he moved to Winterset, where he died on the 25th of August, 1896. His widow passed away in Winterset at the advanced age of eighty-one years on the 15th of September, 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn became the parents of eleven children, as follows: Lorena is the wife of Frank McKibban, a blacksmith of Macksburg, Iowa, and



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they have nine children, Gladys, Bessie, Glen, Marion, Marie, Zada, Joseph, Josephine and Bernice. Kenton, a farmer residing near Twin Falls, Idaho, has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Kittie Guthrie, and his second with Miss Alma Kincade, by whom he has a daughter, Alta. Frank, who is also farming in the neighborhood of Twin Falls, Idaho, married Miss Belva Walters and they have three children, Wilmer, Retta and Neva. Mina became the wife of Sylvester Guthrie and passed away in 1906, leaving a child, Galen. Jed, who is farming in Walnut township, married Miss Viola Cox, of Madison county, and they have two children, Mildred and Lorraine. Samuel, a farmer of Shannon City, Iowa, married Miss Flora Werner, by whom he has five children, Harold, Anna, Kenton, Lucian and Irwin. Jesse, who is farming near Eden, Idaho, married Miss Frances Gentry, of Winterset, and they are the parents of five children, Amy, Nona, Lola, Virgil and Edna. Darwin, who is farming in Walnut township, this county, married Miss Myrtle Gray, of Winterset, and they have two children, Dorothy and Claude. Earl, who is following agricultural pursuits in Monroe township, married Miss Sallie Palmer, of Walnut township, and is the father of three children, Homer, Hallie, and Maxwell. Lawrence, an agriculturist of Walnut township, married Miss Cecil Allen, of that township, and to them have been born two children, Maxine and Richard. Ethel gave her hand in marriage to Robert Palmer, a farmer of Walnut township, and they have three children, Georgia, Elwood and Hazel. Thirty-six grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn are living and one great-grandchild, the daughter of Gladys Smay, who is the eldest child of Mrs. Lorena McKibban.

Mr. Osborn was a republican and consistently cast his ballot in support of the principles of that party. His widow is a member of the Christian church and can be counted upon to further any good work. Since her husband's death she makes her home with her son Jed and has many warm personal friends. Mr. Osborn was most highly respected where he was best known, a proof of sterling worth of character and rectitude.

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#### HERMAN A. MUELLER.

The life activity of Herman A. Mueller has connected him closely with the history of Madison county. He was born in a log cabin which stood on the site of the residence of the late William Schoen, near the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 35, Jefferson township, Madison county, August 29, 1866. His parents, George and Catharine (Schott) Mueller, were natives of Germany. The former was born September 11, 1842, in the principality of Waldeck. His father was a forester for the prince, as his father had in turn been before him, and the family of Müllers lived for many years in the town of Bad-Wildungen, a noted watering place and health resort. There George Mueller attended the public schools to the age of fifteen and afterward worked upon the farm for a year or two but in the summer of 1859 came to America, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which after six weeks reached New York harbor. He at once made his way to Keokuk, Iowa, to join a sister who had come to the new world a few years before. In the spring of 1860 he went to

Winterset, living with a cousin with whom he moved to section 25, Jefferson township, in the fall of that year. After working on the farm for a year he again went to live with his sister at Keokuk in December, 1861, remaining there and at Warsaw, Illinois, until August 8, 1864, on which day he wedded Catharine Schott, of Warsaw. She was born in Baden, Germany, August 22, 1845, was left an orphan when very young and at eight years of age accompanied her uncle to America. Their home was at Warsaw, on the bank of the Mississippi, which at that time was the great thoroughfare of the middle west.

Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. George Mueller came to Madison county and the first year both worked for his cousin, Louis Stracke, of Jefferson township. In the fall of 1865 they rented a farm of William Schoen on section 35 and thereon the landlord and tenant built a log cabin which became the birthplace of H. A. Mueller. In December 1866, the parents removed with their family to section 2, Union township, the father purchasing what was known as the Benjamin Duckett farm. There he and his wife have continued to reside and are now owners of three hundred and thirty-three acres of well improved land. On the 8th of August, 1914, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which year was also the fiftieth anniversary of their settlement in Madison county. All of their children except two were present, together with a host of old friends and neighbors, and the occasion was a most enjoyable and memorable one.

Like all country boys, Herman Mueller learned to do the chores while attending school. He was a pupil in the Farris school in Union township, with George Turbett as teacher in 1873, James M. Guye in 1874, Penina Moore in 1875, Wesley Lehman in 1876, George Turbett again, Frances Fletcher in 1877, Nan Davis in 1878, Joseph W. Forney, the fall of 1878 and the winter following, Wesley Lehman in the winter of 1879 and 1880 and R. J. Spragg during the winters of 1881-2-3. During the winter of 1880-1 he attended a term of school at Winterset, did eighth grade work during a term at the Irving school in Des Moines in the fall of 1883 and afterward spent a term in Drake University. In the winter of 1886-7 he attended a term at Jefferson No. 7 under the instruction of R. J. Spragg. Every fall from 1885 until 1893 he attended the teachers' institute or normal held in Winterset.

In the meantime he was learning the lessons of life upon the farm, becoming familiar with every phase of farm work. He taught his first school at Douglas Center in the winter of 1887-8 under Superintendent E. R. Zeller, who had given him a first-grade certificate. The next winter he taught at the Doak school in Jefferson township and in the succeeding fall attended a term at the Dexter Normal College at Dexter, Iowa. In the succeeding winter he was again a teacher at Jefferson No. 7 and the following winter was again at Doak. In the spring of 1891 and through the following fall and winter he taught the Jefferson school and during all these years made his home with his parents, working on the farm through the summer. In the fall of 1892, with his friend, Sam C. Smith, now an attorney of Winterset, he entered the State Normal School, now called the State Teachers' College, meeting the expenses of the course with money which he had previously earned on the farm and as a teacher. He was graduated with the degree of B. Di. in 1894 and M. Di. in 1895. He was then elected principal of the Arcadia schools, remaining in charge for two years, and in the fall of 1897

became a junior in the State University of Iowa, admitted to that class because of his standing at the State Normal. He was graduated in 1899 with the Bachelor of Philosophy degree and in the fall of that year became a teacher of the high school at Webster City but resigned to become the candidate for auditor of Madison county on the republican ticket.

Mr. Mueller has held various public offices. In 1890 he was chosen clerk of Jefferson township; in 1892 became assessor of Jefferson township and was reelected in 1894, serving three years, resigning the position when he became teacher at Arcadia. He made a record for doing the assessor's work in the shortest time. In 1900 he was United States census enumerator of Jefferson township and in the summer of 1900 he received the nomination for auditor of Madison county on the republican ticket and was elected that fall, while in 1902 he was reelected, leading the ticket. He retired from the office in January, 1905, and for a few months assisted J. W. Smith, county treasurer. On the 1st of May of that year he went to St. Charles, where he became bookkeeper in J. F. Johnston's bank and following the death of Henry Hayden succeeded him as cashier in the fall of 1905, continuing in that position until April, 1912. He has served as school treasurer of the independent district of St. Charles from September, 1905, until July, 1912, was a member of the town council from April, 1910, until April, 1914, became school director of the St. Charles independent district in March, 1914, and in March, 1915, was chosen president of the board. In the spring of 1914 he was a candidate for the nomination for representative on the republican ticket, which he easily won over his competitor, but was defeated in the election by his democratic opponent.

While at the State Normal he had three years' training in the military department, so upon the organization of Company G, Fifty-first Regiment National Guard at Winterset he enlisted for three years and attended encampments at Atlantic, Iowa, Fort Riley, Kansas, and Des Moines. He is a member of Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. P., of Winterset, was vice chancellor in 1903 and keeper of the records and seal in 1904. He belongs to Model Lodge, No. 315, A. F. & A. M., of St. Charles, Iowa; and Model Chapter, No. 174, Eastern Star of St. Charles, of which he was worthy patron in 1912. He is also a member of Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., of Winterset, belongs to Backbone Tent, No. 54, K. O. T. M., of Winterset, and to the Rathbone Sisters. He organized the Madison County Farmers' Institute in 1903, first serving as treasurer and then as secretary until 1905. He also organized the Madison County Good Roads Association in May, 1903, and was its secretary until 1905. He became one of the organizers of the Madison County Historical Society in 1904 and has since served as its president.

Mr. Mueller has always taken an active interest in public affairs of his town and county. He has been active in promoting 4th of July celebrations and in the Old Settlers Association has served on various committees, being now a member of the executive committee having the management of the society. For the past two years he has served as secretary of the Farmers' Day Association, which holds annual fairs at St. Charles, and he is president of the St. Charles Chautauqua Association, thus serving from its organization in the spring of 1913. He was one of the organizers of the St. Charles Park and Improvement Association in 1905 and has been its secretary since September of that year. He is

a Methodist, active in church work, and has been a trustee of his church in St. Charles since 1910 and from 1912 to 1915 was steward, while since 1914 he has been recording steward. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school since January, 1912, and has been secretary of the South Township Sunday School Association since that year. His interests are not confined alone to the county in which he lives, for he is associated with the Iowa Academy of Sciences, for which he has written three articles: "Shrubs and Trees of Hamilton County" in 1899; "Shrubs and Trees of Madison County" in 1901; and a preliminary list of flowering plants of Madison county, in 1904. He is a life member of the Iowa Horticultural Society and of the State Park and Forestry Association and is a member of both the State and Mississippi Valley Historical Societies. His activities have been somewhat varied. Reared on a farm, he still clings to the farm and owns eighty acres near St. Charles; he taught school for a while, then was in public office and later was for eight years in the bank, learning all phases of the business necessary to the conduct of a country bank. He has also solicited insurance and sold real estate and is serving as director for South township on the board of the Madison County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company, while at the present he is assistant cashier in J. F. Johnston's bank.

On the 30th of June, 1909, at St. Charles, Mr. Mueller was married to Cora Irwin, who was born near New Virginia, Iowa, July 28, 1875, and lived upon the farm until coming to St. Charles with her mother in 1889. Her father, Hon. Samuel Irwin, was born in the north of Ireland, in June, 1834, and when eight years of age was taken by his parents to Ohio. In 1853, when a youth of nineteen years, he went overland to California but in 1855 returned to the middle west, settling in Virginia township, Warren county, Iowa. Responding to the call of his country for troops to aid in the preservation of the Union, he enlisted in May, 1861, as a member of the Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was promoted from private to second and then first sergeant and then to first lieutenant. In July, 1863, he was taken prisoner and sent to Libby and through the succeeding twenty months was held in various prisons until exchanged in March, 1865. At one time he and two companions escaped and traveled two hundred and forty miles through brush and swamps, but when within twelve miles of the Union lines were recaptured and returned to Libby.

When the war was over Mr. Irwin began farming near New Virginia and on the 28th of September, 1865, was married to Isabell Steel, who was born February 20, 1848, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. She accompanied her parents to Missouri when nine years of age and to Clarke county, Iowa, in 1861 and at the time of her marriage was living with a married sister in Winterset, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin became parents of seven children: Alexander J., of New Virginia; Mary, the wife of Ed Reed, of Virginia township; William, also of Virginia township; Anna, the wife of Hugh P. Anderson, of St. Charles; Cora, the wife of H. A. Mueller; James, who met death in 1903 while employed as a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad; Samuel, who was born November 5, 1879, after his father's death, which occurred in August, and who is now living in Virginia township. Mr. Irwin held several township offices of trust, was a member of the board of supervisors of Warren county for seven years and represented his county in the state legislature from 1874 until 1876. His family continued to live upon the farm until 1889, when they moved to St. Charles that



the children might attend school. After graduating from the high school there in 1894, Cora Irwin engaged in teaching for four years, being for three years a teacher in St. Charles. She was afterward employed as bookkeeper in the Citizens Bank there from 1901 until 1904 and made her home with her mother until her marriage, after which she and her husband continued to live with the mother. Mrs. Mueller is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of St. Charles and of the Eastern Star, in which she has held several offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Mueller own a farm, their home and a business house in St. Charles. They have three children: Byron Irwin, born April 8, 1910; Catharine Isabell, who was born February 7, 1913, and was named for her two grandmothers; and Herman A., who was born February 28, 1915.

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### SWAN C. BLOMQUIST.

Swan C. Blomquist, a representative farmer of Penn township, was born in Sweden on the 27th of March, 1869, a son of Justen and Anna C. (Anderson) Blomquist, both of whom were also born in that country. Although the father was a carpenter and stonemason in Sweden, following his emigration to America in 1882 he farmed in Nebraska. He resided there for several years and then removed to the state of Washington. The mother of our subject was married a second time, becoming the wife of Charles J. Anderson, who died in February, 1915. She is still living in Jackson township, this county. To her first marriage were born four children: Swan C.; A. J., who is farming in Nebraska; B. August, a farmer of Adair county, Iowa; and J. D., a carpenter living in the state of Washington. To her second marriage was born a son, E. A. Anderson, who is residing with his mother on the farm in Jackson township.

Swan C. Blomquist was eleven years of age when he came to America with his brother, B. August, who was only six years old. Although they were both but children they made the long journey by themselves and on arriving in this country continued westward to Des Moines, where they joined their mother, who was a resident of that city. Our subject went to work on a truck farm the fall that he arrived in the United States and the following year came to Earlham, Madison county, Iowa, and soon after entered the employ of Charles Anderson, a farmer of Jackson township. He continued to work for Mr. Anderson until he became of age and then began his independent career. For ten years he rented land and carefully saved his money with the end in view of purchasing land. In 1895 he bought eighty acres from H. L. Kail and later added another eighty acre tract, which he purchased from S. M. Holmes. The quarter section of land in Penn township which he now owns is one of the well developed properties of that township and most of the improvements have been made by Mr. Blomquist. When he first removed to the farm there were no buildings upon the place save the residence, but in 1908 he erected a fine barn and in 1914 built the cattle barns. He is progressive and energetic, devoting much time and thought as well as money to the development of his place and his improvements not only increase the value of his farm but also enable him to work to better advantage. About twenty-five years ago he began threshing with an old style horse power outfit,

but after three years he purchased a steam power threshing outfit and during the years that have since elapsed he has received a good share of the patronage of the farmers in Madison county. For several years he shipped his outfit to north-western Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota and engaged in threshing in those states during the season, which is later than the season in Madison county, and by so doing added materially to his income.

Mr. Blomquist is a republican and for five years was trustee of Penn township, while he is now serving his second term as school treasurer of that township. He is a self-made man and has always given the closest attention to his work as a farmer and stock-raiser as he has realized that success is dependent upon industry and good management. He believes in the wisdom of raising a good grade of stock and as his cattle and hogs are always in good condition when sold he receives high prices for them in the market. The same spirit of progressiveness that distinguishes him as a farmer is characteristic of him in all of the relations of life and he is justly held in high esteem.

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### JOHN SCHOENENBERGER.

After thirty-seven years of active life, John Schoenenberger is now overseeing the operation of his farm, leaving the actual work mainly to his son. He has gained a handsome competence from farming and stock-raising and has achieved distinction in the political field, having represented his district in the state legislature. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 5th of June, 1850, the oldest of ten children whose parents were Nicholas and Louisa (Tennis) Schoenenberger. The father, a native of Germany, came to the United States with his parents when but fourteen years of age, the family home being established in Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents of our subject, John and Elizabeth Schoenenberger, resided in that state for a few years, the former being employed on the construction of the first railroad built there. Subsequently the family removed to Fairfield county, Ohio, where the grandparents passed away. In 1855 the parents of our subject removed with their children to the west, and on the 25th of June of that year located in Scott township, this county. The following spring, however, they settled on the Harper farm in Walnut township, containing one hundred and twenty acres, which they acquired and operated. It was subsequently known as the Schoenenberger homestead. The father died there in 1902, and his widow then made her home with her youngest son, Edward D., in Monroe township, where she passed away in 1904.

John Schoenenberger remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, his time in his boyhood and youth being divided between the work of the farm and the acquirement of an education. He attended school in district No. 6 and district No. 2, Walnut township, but not being content with the knowledge gained there, continued to read and study at home until he became a well informed man. When twenty-five years old his marriage occurred and he then located on section 5, Walnut township, where he purchased eighty acres of land. After two years he traded it in on his present homestead, which includes



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three hundred and ten acres of land. He became the owner of five hundred acres, but as his children married and began life for themselves he gave them each a farm, and his own property now comprises three hundred and ten acres. He has always carried on general farming and has also devoted considerable attention to the raising of Jersey hogs and shorthorn and Jersey cattle, feeding about two carloads of cattle annually and from one hundred and fifty to two hundred hogs each year. He has attained gratifying financial prosperity and now rents his farm to his son, Iver Earl Schoenenberger, although he continues to direct its operation to some extent. He is a stockholder and was one of the organizers of the Savings Bank of Peru.

On the 10th of March, 1875, Mr. Schoenenberger was united in marriage with Miss Lavina Travis, a daughter of M. B. and Lavina (Byer) Travis. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenenberger have five children, as follows: Adelaide L., born December 26, 1875, married Emory Nicholson, of Winterset, who has now passed away. To their union was born a daughter, Mary Lavina, who is fourteen years of age. Ralph Travis, born December 13, 1878, married Grace Adelaide Hartsook, and they reside in Scott township. Their children are three in number, Kathryn, John and Paul. Walter James, born January 11, 1881, married Cora Jane Welch and is engaged in farming in Scott township. John Guy, born August 27, 1885, is a graduate of the State Agricultural College at Ames and is now a veterinary surgeon of Winterset. He married Miss Hazel Wheeler, of Des Moines. Iver Earl, born January 31, 1890, is farming in Walnut township. He married Miss Lela Alice Deardorf, of Ohio township, and they have a son, Charley Carl.

Mr. Schoenenberger has consistently voted the democratic ticket since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been honored with a number of offices of public trust. For four years he served as assessor of Walnut township, for several years was township clerk and trustee, and for eighteen years was school treasurer of his district. In 1906 he was elected to the state legislature on the democratic ticket, although his district is ordinarily republican by a majority of eighteen hundred. He served for two years and fathered some important legislation. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Peru. Both have performed well the duties that lay before them and have contributed in no small degree to the community welfare.

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#### FRED COCHRAN.

Fred Cochran, who is farming on section 14, Grand River township, was born upon the Cochran homestead, in this county, on the 25th of April, 1879, a son of Wesley and Elizabeth (Hamblin) Cochran, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He was reared under the parental roof and as soon as old enough began assisting in the work of the farm, being thus prepared to win success as an agriculturist in later life. His formal education was acquired in the public schools in the neighborhood of the homestead. After he reached years of maturity his father gave him a good farm, comprising two hundred and forty acres in Grand River township.

Mr. Cochran married Miss Blanche Livingston, who was born in Union county, Iowa, and is a daughter of W. C. Livingston. Her father is now farming in Grand River township, this county, and is well known and highly esteemed. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have four children, Esther, Katherine, Martha and Kirk.

Mr. Cochran is a democrat in his political belief and finds time to take the interest of a good citizen in public affairs.

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### ELMER B. MARSH.

Elmer B. Marsh, who is one of the most progressive of the farmers of Grand River township, was born at Atwater, Minnesota, on the 19th of May, 1870, a son of Samuel and Catherine (Butler) Marsh, the former born in Jennings county, Indiana, and the latter also a native of that state. In 1861 the father put aside his work as an agriculturist and enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He was captured and kept in prison for ten months at Tyler, Texas, and he saw much hard fighting, in which he did his part bravely. He was at Shiloh, and the siege of Vicksburg, but the most stubborn battle in which he participated was at Prairie Grove, Missouri. He was with the colors for three years and the greater part of his time was spent in marching to head off some Confederate army or other. When peace was restored he went to Minnesota and took up a homestead there. His marriage occurred in that state and he continued to reside there until the early '70s. In 1874 he arrived in Madison county and entered into partnership with J. A. Lowe in the implement business at Winterset. In 1875, however, he removed to a farm in Adair county, where he continued to reside for many years, save for the period of time that he lived in Indianola in order to give his children better educational opportunities. He owned a tract of good land and carried on general farming and stock-raising successfully. He is now living retired at Orient. He has held a number of township offices and is a staunch adherent of the republican party, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Elmer B. Marsh is the oldest of three children and in his youth learned practical methods of agriculture under the instruction of his father. He also received an excellent scholastic education, attending the district schools, Creston high school and Simpson College, which conferred upon him the degree of Ph. B. in 1894. He was quite active in student affairs, taking part in various class games, and served as president of the Phylomathian Club. Following his graduation he began teaching in the rural schools of Warren county and after a year became a teacher in the Indianola schools, where he remained for two years. In the meantime he had purchased land and following his marriage he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, residing in Warren county for about seven years. For the last eleven years, however, he has lived in Madison county and his farm on section 18, Grand River township, is one of the well improved and well kept up places of that township. He devotes practically all of his time to the operation of his farm and as he gives much thought to the planning of his work and uses the most approved methods and the latest machinery, he is meeting with a gratifying measure of success. He is also director of the Macks-

burg National Bank and is a director and president of the executive board of the Creston, Winterset & Des Moines Railroad.

On the 22d of February, 1898, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Marsh and Miss Sibyl Wilson, a daughter of J. M. and Lura M. Wilson. This union has been blessed with five children: Leslie L., whose birth occurred on the 5th of September, 1900; Mirian L.; Katherine; and Wilson and Wilma, twins, born on the 24th of July, 1912.

Mr. Marsh is a republican, but has no political aspirations whatsoever, being content to perform his public service as a private citizen. His life is guided by his belief in the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member, and he can be counted upon to further the moral progress of his community. He owns three hundred and sixty acres of fine land and operates about eight hundred acres altogether, and in furthering his own material interests he has also contributed to the agricultural development of his township, and as an extensive stock-raiser has advanced the interests of his locality along that line.

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#### WILLIAM W. DRAKE.

William W. Drake, a farmer and stockman of Webster township, is a native of that township, born February 2, 1868, of the marriage of Dennis and Maria (Crumrine) Drake, the father born in New Jersey in 1828 and the mother in Washington county, Pennsylvania, also in that year. Dennis Drake, who was born and reared upon a farm, came by wagon to Madison county in 1858 and entered government land, built a cabin and broke the land, thus transforming part of the wild prairie into a farm. He had the usual pioneer experiences and was one of the leaders in the promotion of community enterprises. He helped to organize the Webster Methodist Episcopal church and was on the building committee when the church edifice was erected. He was also quite prominent in political affairs and held a number of township offices. He passed away upon the homestead in January, 1908, while his wife's death occurred in 1906. Two of his sons are residing in this county, the brother of our subject being John N. Drake, of Jackson township.

William W. Drake is indebted to the public schools of Webster township for his education and to his father for his early knowledge of agriculture. He remained at home and farmed nearby land until 1898. In that year he moved to Jackson township, where he still owns one hundred and sixty acres. However, in 1912, he rented one hundred and eighty acres in Webster township, which he is still operating. He feeds some stock and is proving very successful both as a stock-raiser and as a general farmer.

On the 20th of March, 1894, Mr. Drake married Miss Effie Devault, a daughter of Henry Devault, who is mentioned at greater length elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have four living children: Alfred, who was born in January, 1895; Cecil, born in December, 1899; Deva, whose birth occurred in 1904; and Loretta, born June 19, 1910. One son, Harold, died in infancy.

Mr. Drake is a progressive in politics and in all phases of life is forward-looking, seeking to secure development along the right lines. Both he and his

wife are quite active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they belong. They are widely known in Madison county and those who know them best esteem them most highly.

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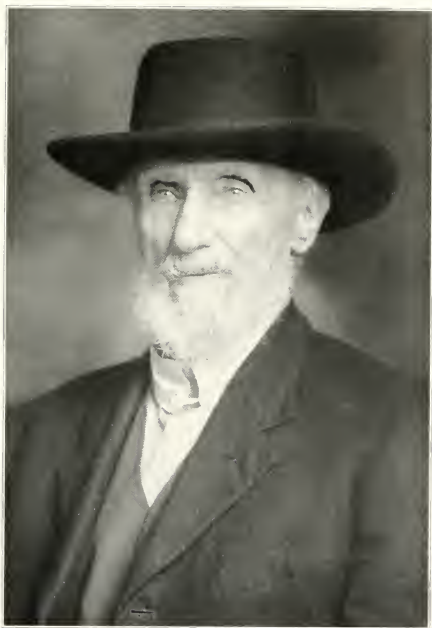
#### ROBERT HERREN.

An active, busy life, guided by high and honorable principles, made Robert Herren a respected citizen in every community in which he lived. His life record covered the intervening period between the 10th of April, 1824, when he first opened his eyes to the light of day in Hull, England, and July 27, 1914, when his eyelids were closed in death in Macksburg, Iowa. He was the only son of John and Harriet (Wilds) Herren, who in the year 1839 came with their family to the new world, settling at Waterville, Vermont, where the father soon became actively engaged in various manufacturing enterprises.

The son followed in his footsteps and early became interested in manufacturing, displaying such adaptability and industry in that connection that when he was in his twentieth year he was admitted to a partnership by his father. He gradually worked his way upward in business relations but soon after the financial crisis of 1857 a disastrous fire totally destroyed the woolen factory of which he was the proprietor and swept away the earnings of his first industrial experience. Business conditions resulting from the wide-spread financial panic of that year made it difficult for him to again engage in that line of business. Disposing of other properties which he held, he scrupulously paid every claim against him to the last dollar and with characteristic energy and determination once more started out in business life. He was now empty-handed but he possessed indispensable qualities of success—industry, determination and energy. He turned his face toward California and, making his way to the Sacramento valley, there engaged in buying and shipping wool. He had hardly started in the new enterprise when a flood swept down upon the valley, carrying away much of the season's clip and thus wrecking his last business venture. Still undaunted, he once more started out empty-handed and engaged in prospecting for the precious metal, which was known to be in the mountains of the Pacific slope. For a few years he continued to engage in prospecting, meeting sometimes with success and again with failure, but the hold which the east had upon him was very strong and he determined to return to that part of the country.

While upon the return trip Mr. Herren formed the acquaintance of Messrs. Munger and White, woolen manufacturers of Winterset, Iowa, and entered into business relations with them as manager of their factory, his previous experience as a woolen manufacturer now coming into good play. Returning to Vermont for his family, he left New England in the spring of 1869 and thereafter until his death maintained his abode in Madison county, Iowa. It was not long before the result of his industry was manifest in the business with which he became connected, and the mill was in successful operation. For seven years Mr. Herren continued his relations with John D. White and Nelson W. Munger, two of the worthy and valued pioneer settlers of Madison county, their activities contributing in substantial measure to its upbuilding.





ROBERT HERREN



In 1876, when fifty-two years of age, Mr. Herren withdrew from active connection with manufacturing interests and took up his abode upon a tract of land in Grand River township, where he began farming. He had previously had no experience along agricultural lines but possessed sound business judgment, natural sagacity and indefatigable industry and therefore it was not difficult for him to win success in his new line of work. For about thirty years he followed farming and then retired from business in 1905, establishing his home in Macksburg, where he lived until his death, which occurred about nine years later.

On the 25th of October, 1845, Mr. Herren was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Strew and to them were born five children, of whom three are yet living: John L., a resident of Perry, Iowa; Robert M., who makes his home at Enid, Oklahoma; and Harriet W. Kelso, of Winterset, Iowa. On the 1st of November, 1854, Mr. Herren wedded Sophia Hatch and they became the parents of six children, of whom four survive: Mrs. Addie S. St. John, of Des Moines; Fred C., living in Macksburg; Clarence M., who makes his home at La Junta, Colorado; and Mrs. Belle Shell, who was with her father throughout his last illness. On the 23d of December, 1874, at Winterset, Iowa, Mr. Herren wedded Anna (Church) Parkins, who survives him, and to them were born two daughters: Mrs. Glenn V. Mayer, of Collins, Montana; and Mrs. Daisy Dell Ross, of Chin, province of Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Herren was a member of the Presbyterian church of Winterset from 1871 until his demise and for many years he was also an exemplary representative of the Masonic lodge. He voted the democratic ticket but he never sought or held public office, preferring always to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, carefully directed, brought to him a substantial measure of success. He never sought to figure prominently in any public connection but the sterling traits of his character were recognized by all and as a man and citizen he enjoyed the high regard and goodwill of those with whom he came in contact.

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#### ALEXANDER RAMSEY, M. D.

Dr. Alexander Ramsey, of Webster township, who lives upon his splendid farm of four hundred acres, is accorded a gratifying practice. He was born in Decatur county, Iowa, in 1857, of the marriage of James and Margaret (Baker) Ramsey, both natives of Tennessee, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1818. Both lived to an advanced age, the demise of the father occurring when he was eighty-six years old and that of the mother when she had reached the age of eighty-six years and three months. James Ramsey, who was a cabinetmaker, followed his trade in his native state, but in 1851 removed to Decatur county, Iowa, and entered land from the government. He then turned his attention to farming but continued to work at his trade to some extent. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres and was a successful agriculturist as well as an expert cabinetmaker. Both he and his wife were prominent in the early history of Decatur county and were especially active in the work of the Baptist church.

Dr. Ramsey acquired his elementary education in the district schools of his native county and his medical training in the Keokuk (Ia.) College of Physicians

and Surgeons, from which he was graduated with the class of 1886. He located for practice in Webster, Iowa, and on the 5th of May, 1886, made his first visit in Madison county. Since then his practice has grown steadily and he is often called to attend the sick in his part of the county. However, he does not concentrate his attention upon his profession to the exclusion of other interests, as he oversees the operation of his four hundred acre farm, which is located in Madison and Adair counties. He was reared upon his father's farm and early learned the principles of practical agriculture and finds this knowledge of much value to him in looking after his farming interests today. He specializes in raising Black Polled Angus cattle and has some of the finest stock in the county.

Dr. Ramsey was married in 1889 to Miss Donna Ulrey, who was born in Adair county, Iowa, a daughter of Rufus and Hattie (Bruce) Ulrey. The father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of January, 1848, and the mother in Adair county, Missouri, in 1851. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Ramsey came to Madison county in 1863. Her paternal grandfather was a big stockman in Pennsylvania and her father was sent to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1864, when only a youth and there was associated with his brothers in the stockyards. In February, 1865, he came to Madison county and for some time worked for John Fox. For a number of years thereafter he farmed in Adair county but in 1894 was appointed postmaster at Middle River, now Webster. In 1899 he removed to Great Falls, Montana, where he worked on mason work on the railroads and was also watchman at the smelter. In 1911 he returned to Madison county and is now conducting a general store at Webster. Mrs. Ramsey is the oldest of the two children born to her parents and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Fred, who was born in 1890 and is operating his father's farm; Worth, who was born in 1894 and is also on the home farm; Lyle, born in 1897; and Bernice, who is attending the high school at Winterset.

Dr. Ramsey belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., of Winterset; Lebanon Chapter, No. 11, R. A. M., of Winterset; and has taken the fourteenth degree of the Scottish Rite in the Consistory at Des Moines. Along strictly professional lines he is a member of the Madison County Medical Association. He has the full confidence of his patients, which is well deserved, as he understands thoroughly the principles underlying the science of medicine and is careful in diagnosing a case to take into account all of the symptoms. He also manages capably his large agricultural interests and is one of the substantial and valued citizens of the county.

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#### ALVIN C. SCHUTZ.

Among the native sons of Madison county who have continued to reside here is Alvin C. Schutz, a farmer of Grand River township, who was born June 24, 1872, of the marriage of Andrew and Barbara Ellen (Hatter) Schutz. The father, who was born in Bern, Switzerland, on the 28th of February, 1830, farmed in that country previous to his removal to the United States in 1856. He settled in Ohio and there found work as a farm hand, during the winter months receiving merely his board and clothes. In 1858 he removed to Johnson county,

Iowa, and entered the employ of Samuel Spurrier, a farmer. In 1866 Mr. Schutz became a resident of Madison county and purchased raw prairie land. He built a log cabin which served as the family residence and immediately turned his attention to breaking the prairie sod. When he came here there were but few settlers in his locality, but as the years passed the country grew in population and wealth and he shared the general prosperity. He became the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of land and his farm was one of the attractive places of the county, its orchard and grove of pine trees adding not a little to its value as well as to its pleasantness as a residence. Mr. Schutz resided thereon for forty-two years and its development and improvement was due entirely to him. He was an extensive stock-raiser and in the early days often drove stock to Des Moines. He raised Black Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs of good grade, from the sale of which he derived a handsome income. He was a member of the republican party, but had no political aspirations, although always willing to aid in any movement for the benefit of his community and county. Although he belonged to the German Lutheran church, he contributed to the support of all denominations. He passed away upon his homestead on section 20, Grand River township, on the 20th of December, 1910, and his demise was sincerely mourned.

The mother of our subject was born in Highland county, Ohio, on the 9th of February, 1839, but in 1844 removed with her parents by ox team to Washington county, Iowa, whence eleven years later the family went to Keokuk, where they resided until 1866. In that year she became the wife of Andrew Schutz, and she proved a true helpmate, performing the many tasks that fell to the lot of the pioneer wives and mothers. Her courage and good cheer were qualities that endeared her to all with whom she came in contact for although there was not only much hard work to be done but also many inconveniences and even privations to be endured in the early days, she accepted all as unavoidable in a new country and did her part nobly, thus aiding in laying the foundation of the present prosperity of the county. She passed away on the 23d of November, 1914, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Kivett cemetery in Grand River township.

Alvin C. Schutz was reared upon the home farm in Grand River township and in the acquirement of his education attended first the district schools and later the Macksburg high school. He assisted with the operation of the homestead until 1893, when he removed to Nebraska and took up land there. However after a short time he returned to Madison county and bought part of the home farm. He has since lived continuously in Grand River township and his farm of one hundred and twenty acres is a productive and well managed property. Since early boyhood he has been familiar with practical methods of agriculture and his success is due in large measure to his thorough knowledge of all phases of farming and stock-raising.

In 1902 Mr. Schutz married Miss Mabel E. Hart, who was born in Marshall county, Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Olive (Coate) Hart, both of whom are living in Los Angeles, California, the father having reached the age of sixty-five and the mother of fifty-six years. He farmed during his active life and on coming to Iowa settled first in Benton county, later in Marshall county and then in Madison county. He owned valuable land and gained financial independence. After residing in this state for a number of years he removed to Kansas, but on

account of ill health took up his abode in Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Schutz have three children: Alvin Doyle, born on the 21st of July, 1906; Charles Warren, born July 29, 1909; and Andrew Hart, whose birth occurred on the 16th of December, 1912.

Mr. Schutz is a republican and for five years was township trustee, proving a competent official. He is quite active in public affairs, participating in all movements that are calculated to advance the general welfare. Both he and his wife belong to the West Branch Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee. He also holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge, in which he has held all of the chairs, and in the Modern Woodmen of America. Both he and his wife belong to the Rebekahs and she has held all of the offices in that order. They conform their lives to high standards and their influence is always given to the side of justice, truth and progress.

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#### CHARLES F. ALLGEYER.

Charles F. Allgeyer, a retired farmer of Winterset, Iowa, is connected with financial affairs there as a bank director. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, September 26, 1850, the second of five children, whose parents were Charles and Frances (Seltz) Allgeyer, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, the former born in 1821. Charles Allgeyer learned cabinetmaking in his youth and followed that trade in his native land until he came to the United States in 1849. He settled in Mansfield, Ohio, and did some cabinetmaking, but also worked upon the railroad, being boss of a gang of men. After living there for eight years he removed to Mercer county, Illinois, purchased land and began farming. In 1867 he came to Madison county, Iowa, moving his family and household effects in two wagons. He paid ten dollars an acre for his farm, which was yet largely unbroken. As there was no house upon the place, the family lived in the wagons until lumber could be hauled from Des Moines and a residence erected. He owned two hundred acres of land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation, and successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Both he and his wife passed away upon the farm. He was a devout communicant of the Catholic church and contributed liberally to the support of that organization. He was without political aspirations, but served as a member of the school board in his district in Douglas township.

Charles F. Allgeyer remained at home for some time after completing his education in the district schools, but when twenty-six years of age he was married, and buying a farm near his father's place, began the cultivation of his land. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits for many years, specializing in the feeding and shipping of cattle and hogs. His well directed energy and his knowledge of his business secured him financial prosperity and in 1909 he retired from active life and is now living in Winterset. He owns six hundred and two acres of land in Douglas township and derives a handsome income from his property. He is a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Winterset and his business judgment is highly respected.

In 1876 Mr. Allgeyer was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Rogan, who was born in Creetown, Scotland, and who was brought to this county by her parents when an infant of nine months. Her father, James Rogan, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1813 and is still living in Douglas township at the remarkable old age of one hundred and two years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Crumby, was born in Creetown, Scotland, in 1818 and died at the age of seventy-six years in 1894. In June, 1853, Mr. Rogan took up his residence in Joliet, Illinois, where he resided until August, 1859. He then came to Douglas township, this county, and although he was a stonemason by trade engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land. He still worked at his trade occasionally after coming to this county. He is a democrat and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Mrs. Allgeyer is the third in order of birth. The record of the five children born to her marriage is as follows: Minnie Maud, who is the wife of Thomas F. Wilhelm, a druggist of Winterset, Iowa, has a daughter, Helen, attending school. Charles Otis, born in 1879, is operating his father's farm and is dealing in stock. He is married and has a daughter, Frances Ella. Vergie is at home. James Lloyd and Joseph William are both upon their father's farm.

Mr. Allgeyer is a democrat and has done much efficient work in the party ranks. He has been township trustee and has also served as school director. His religious allegiance is given to the Catholic church, of which he is a devout communicant. He has contributed much toward the development of agricultural interests in his county and the individual prosperity that he enjoys is his just reward.

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#### C. M. WALLACE, M. D.

Dr. C. M. Wallace, engaged in the practice of medicine at Macksburg, was born in Bedford, Taylor county, Iowa, January 9, 1871. His father, Isaac Wallace, was a native of Tennessee but in early childhood went to Missouri, where he was reared. Subsequently he removed to Iowa and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of brick at Bedford, making the brick from which were built many of the old-time structures of that section of the state. He lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years and passed away at the home of his son, Dr. Wallace, in Macksburg. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary L. Jones, was born in Missouri and now makes her home with the Doctor.

In the public schools of Bedford Dr. Wallace acquired his education, spending his youthful days under the parental roof, and when he had determined upon medical practice as a life work he prepared for that calling as a student in the medical college at St. Joseph, Missouri. He practiced at Persia, Iowa, and St. Joseph, Missouri, and in August, 1908, came to Macksburg, where he has since been accorded a liberal patronage. His ability has led to a constant increase in his practice and he keeps in touch with advancing thought and methods through wide reading.

Dr. Wallace married Helen May Persons, a native of New Market, Taylor county, Iowa, and they have two children, Guy and Eva. Mrs. Wallace is a member of the Methodist church and Dr. Wallace holds membership with the Odd Fellows. In politics he is a democrat but has no desire for public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties.

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#### ALEXANDER BONHAM.

Alexander Bonham, who was very successful as a farmer and who in 1888 retired to Macksburg, lived to be one of the oldest citizens of Madison county and passed away on the 2d of March, 1899, in his eighty-eighth year, his birth having occurred July 20, 1811. He was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, of the marriage of David and Tacy Bonham, who in 1817 removed with their family to Harrison county, Ohio. There Alexander Bonham grew to years of maturity and on the 22d of November, 1833, he married Miss Susan Yarnell, who was born in that county, October 6, 1816. In 1837 they removed to Coshocton county, Ohio, where they resided for twenty years, removing to Madison county, Iowa, in 1857, the date of his arrival here being the 4th of November, of that year. Mr. Bonham settled in Grand River township and for more than three decades was actively engaged in farming, his labors yielding him a good financial return. In 1888 he retired to Macksburg and the remainder of his life was passed in honorable retirement from business cares.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bonham were born nine children. David, born on the 11th of September, 1834, in Harrison county, Ohio, was married on the 8th of September, 1860, to Miss Byancy Abrams, and died in Macksburg, Iowa, on the 8th of April, 1907. Mary D., whose birth occurred on the 15th of March, 1837, in Harrison county, Ohio, married Dennis Stump on the 13th of September, 1865, and passed away in Grand River township on the 25th of August, 1884. Benjamin S., born on the 28th of July, 1839, in Coshocton county, Ohio, married Rosa Goodwin on the 8th of November, 1867, and died in Oklahoma, January 16, 1910. Hannah J., whose birth occurred in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 22d of September, 1841, became the wife of Dr. J. H. Mack on the 22d of August, 1858, and she resides in Macksburg. Tacy, whose birth occurred on the 8th of October, 1843, in Coshocton county, Ohio, married J. H. Pierce and passed away in Grand River township on the 15th of June, 1870. Mattie, born in Coshocton county on the 10th of April, 1851, died in Grand River township on the 17th of June, 1870. Phoebe, who was born on the 23d of October, 1853, in Coshocton county, married J. Pearson on the 8th of March, 1870, and died in Grand River township on the 28th of November, 1877. George W., born on the 24th of February, 1857, has been twice married and is now residing in Lorimor, Iowa. He married Miss Susan Phillips, on the 24th of February, 1875, and she passed away on the 3d of January, 1894. On the 13th of September, 1897, he was united in wedlock with Miss Malissa Klingensmith. Samuel, whose birth occurred on the 17th of June, 1858, is a native of Grand River township. On the 18th of September, 1882, he married Miss Molly McKenzie, and they make their home at Lorimor.





MR. AND MRS. ALEXANDER BONHAM



Mr. and Mrs. Bonham lived together for sixty-five years and their married life was characterized by true companionship. Mr. Bonham gave his political allegiance to the republican party but was never an office seeker. He was a consistent Christian and was for seventy-two years a member of the Baptist church, as he united therewith in his sixteenth year. His wife, who became a church member at the age of ten, was likewise deeply religious and possessed the Christian spirit. She passed away on the 30th of June, 1910, and many who knew her felt that her demise was a personal loss. Mr. Bonham was one of the most venerable residents of the county at the time of his death and received in full measure the respect and honor that should always be given to those who have lived a long life well and have served their community to the best of their ability. He was willing to cooperate with others in efforts to advance the moral and civic interests of the county and his personality was such that he held a place in the warm regard of many.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR.

William Henry Taylor, who owns six hundred and twenty acres of excellent land in Madison township, is a native of Madison county, born a half mile from the town of Earlham on what is now known as the Foster place. His birth occurred in December, 1876, and his parents were Henry and Hannah (Rollinson) Taylor, more extended mention of whom is made in the sketch of O. L. Taylor.

William Henry Taylor received his education in the common schools of the county and as a boy devoted much of his time to aiding his father with the work of the home place. He remained with his parents until he was thirty-six years of age and then bought eighty acres of land from his father. He made a number of improvements upon his farm, but subsequently sold it and bought three hundred and eighty acres on sections 20 and 29, Madison township. It was a highly developed farm when it came into his possession, but he has made still further improvements and from its operation derives a gratifying income. He has also purchased other land and now owns an aggregate of six hundred and twenty acres of some of the finest land in the county, on sections 17, 20 and 29, Madison township. He makes a specialty of raising Aberdeen Angus cattle and feeds about two carloads of cattle a year. He also raises a high grade of Poland China hogs.

Mr. Taylor married Miss Cevilla Bennett, on the 12th of March, 1902. She is a daughter of Myron E. and Amelia (White) Bennett, both natives of New York. When children they accompanied their respective parents to Illinois and upon reaching maturity the father decided to follow agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he and his wife removed to this county and purchased land in Penn township, to the cultivation of which he devoted sixteen years. At the end of that time he was elected sheriff of the county and removed to Winterset, where he resided the remainder of his life. He passed away in August, 1911, and his widow is now making her home at El Reno, Oklahoma. Mr. Bennett was a member of Company G, Eighth Missouri Infantry. Although he enlisted in Illi-

nois, he was soon afterward transferred to the aforementioned Missouri regiment and served for one year in defense of the Union, but at the end of that time returned home, being disabled by a wound. As soon as he had sufficiently recovered he reentered the army and was with the colors for another year. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have six children, namely: Arthur, twelve years of age; Mary, ten; Mabel, nine; Glenn, five; De Vere, three; and Charles, an infant of less than a year.

Mr. Taylor is a republican and takes a citizen's interest in everything relating to the public welfare, being especially interested in the advancement of the public schools, realizing their paramount importance in a democracy. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is a loyal supporter of the work of that organization. He has achieved a large measure of success and is held in high esteem as a farmer and stock-raiser and also as a business man, having managed his financial affairs most judiciously. He is a member of the Aberdeen Angus Cattle Association and has done not a little to improve the grade of stock raised in this county. He has also had time to devote to the immaterial interests of the county and his influence has been a force for right and progress.

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#### NATHAN BINNS.

Nathan Binns, a well known farmer and stockman residing on section 9, Webster township, was born in Yorkshire, England, on the 19th of January, 1852. His parents, Benjamin and Hannah (Fernside) Binns, were also natives of that shire, the father's birth occurring in 1830 and the mother's two years later. Benjamin Binns, who is a stone mason and bricklayer by trade, resided in England until 1858, when he left his native land and came to the United States, settling in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He purchased land there, but continued to follow his trades until 1886. He then came to Madison county and bought land in Webster township, becoming the owner of two hundred acres, which, however, he never cultivated personally, hiring others to do the farm work. He raised considerable stock of a high grade, finding that line of activity very profitable. He stills owns one hundred and two acres, from which he derives a good income. In 1911 he returned to Oskaloosa, where he still lives, and he is a stockholder in one of the banks of that city. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States and supports the republican party at the polls. He has always been keenly interested in everything affecting the public welfare and is willing to place the general good above his private interests. His wife passed away on the 8th of April, 1914. They were the parents of three children, of whom Nathan is the eldest. B. S. is also living in Webster township and the youngest is residing at Oskaloosa.

Nathan Binns began his education in England and continued it in the district schools of Mahaska county, Iowa. However, when but eleven years of age he began earning his own living, working as a farm hand for John Schultz, who at one time resided in Madison county. When thirteen years of age Mr. Binns began assisting in the operation of his father's farm, while the latter followed his trades. By dint of hard work and careful management our subject has

accumulated a competence. He owns three hundred and twenty-seven acres of fine land on section 9 in Webster township and engages in the stock business. He raises, feeds, buys and ships cattle and hogs and carries on an extensive business along those lines. He also does some general farming and is financially independent.

In 1890 Mr. Binns married Miss Martha J. Howard, a daughter of Dexter and Elizabeth (Moore) Howard, an account of whose lives appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Binns have become the parents of the following children: Everett L., who married Miss Matilda Harrison, a granddaughter of M. C. Clement, one of the pioneers of Grand River township; William and Guy, who died in infancy; and Fred, Arthur, Dessie Marie and Alfred, all of whom are attending district school.

Mr. Binns is a republican but has never felt the least desire to take an active part in political affairs. Fraternally he is connected with Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M. Since 1886 he has resided permanently in Madison county and has many sincere friends, who esteem him the higher because he is retiring in disposition and does not seek publicity. He devotes his entire time to his farm and stock business and, as he is energetic and has good business judgment, it is but natural that he has gained material prosperity. His success is especially creditable as he is a self-made man, having been dependent upon his own resources since the early age of eleven years.

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#### O. L. TAYLOR.

Five hundred and twenty acres of splendid land pays tribute to its owner, O. L. Taylor, a prosperous and up-to-date farmer of Madison township. He was born in that township in October, 1873, of the marriage of Henry and Hannah (Rollinson) Taylor, both natives of Hull, England. When nineteen years of age Mr. Taylor emigrated to the United States and continued his journey westward until he reached the Mississippi valley, settling in Union township, Madison county, Iowa. After residing here a short time he returned to England, where he was married and where he remained for about two years. He then brought his wife to Madison township, this county, and for some time worked as a farm hand and as a stonemason, which trade he had learned in England, and, since he was a good workman and lived economically, he was able to add to his capital as time passed. He laid the foundations of many of the barns in the township and gained a reputation for painstaking work. At length he bought eighty acres of land from the government, paying two dollars per acre, and concentrated his attention upon farming. From time to time he added more land until he became the owner of nine hundred and twenty acres, all under cultivation and well improved. In 1907, having gained a competence, he retired from active life and removed to California, where he resided until his death, which occurred on the 14th of June, 1912. His wife passed away in July, 1909.

O. L. Taylor, who was reared in this county, laid the foundation of his education by attending the district schools and was later a student in the Earlham Academy. After his school days were over he began working on the home farm

in the employ of his father. He so continued for eleven years and then traded in eighty acres which he owned on his present home farm of one hundred and sixty acres. By cultivating that land in accordance with the best methods of agriculture and by managing the financial phase of farming wisely he added to his resources and from time to time purchased other land until he now owns five hundred and twenty acres located on sections 8 and 17, Madison township. His place is well improved and everything is kept in the best of repair. The residence, an excellent stone house, was built by the father of our subject. Mr. Taylor of this review does general farming, but gives considerable attention to the raising of Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep.

Mr. Taylor was married on the 28th of March, 1904, to Miss Stella Duff, a daughter of Thomas and Montana (Bennett) Duff, natives of Ohio and of Madison township, this county, respectively. In 1858 Mr. Duff emigrated to Iowa and located in Madison county, acquiring land which he has since operated. His wife is also living.

Mr. Taylor is a republican and for eight years has held the office of school director, in which capacity he has found opportunity to advance the interests of the public-school system. He cooperates with the work of the various churches and is generous in his support of all good works. His life has been such that he has not only gained material prosperity, but has also won the unqualified respect and high regard of his fellowmen.

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#### DOAK & HARTSOOK.

The firm of Doak & Hartsook, of Winterset, is the leading implement house of Madison county and the business which they control has been established longer than any similar enterprise in the county. In 1875 William Hedge established an implement house, which he continued to conduct until 1888. In that year the firm became Koehler & Rhyno and the next change came about in 1892, when the business came into the possession of Jones, Dickey & Company. Four years later the firm name was changed to Minturn & Bell, but in 1899 Mr. Bell sold his interest to Mr. Silliman and the business was conducted under the style of Minturn & Silliman. In 1909 W. H. Doak traded a valuable farm for the store and conducted it alone until 1913, when F. P. Hartsook purchased a half interest therein, and the firm became Doak & Hartsook.

In the early days William Hedge, the founder of the business, sold a fourteen-inch, wood beam plow for twenty-two dollars and the same plow is now sold by Doak & Hartsook for fourteen dollars, which indicates something of the advance that has been made in the agricultural implement industry. Mr. Hedge sold the John Deere plows and Doak & Hartsook still handle them and also sell the Standard mower, the first models of which Mr. Hedge sold many years ago. Doak & Hartsook carry the products of only the best and most reliable factories and have a reputation for keeping a full and well selected line of farm machinery and vehicles. They handle the famous Velie wrought iron vehicles, thus carrying out their policy of selling only the best. Their business methods are thoroughly in accord with that modern spirit in the commercial world which builds for the



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future, in seeking at all times to give the customer not only the greatest value in goods possible at the price, but also to give him the benefit of the experience and expert knowledge of the merchant and to make courtesy the rule of the store. The wisdom of this policy is apparent, as Doak & Hartsook are today recognized as the leading merchants in their line in the county and their trade is constantly increasing.

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### BUTLER BIRD.

Butler Bird, the activities of whose life have covered agricultural pursuits, teaching, general merchandising and preaching as a minister of the Disciples of Christ and also service as a soldier of the Civil war and service as a public official, is today one of the most honored among the venerable citizens of Madison county. He was born at Millersburg, Holmes county, Ohio, November 29, 1838. His father, William Bird, was born in Virginia and his mother, Sarah (Daniels-Davis) Bird, was a native of Maryland. The family comes of English ancestry. The father was a pioneer schoolteacher. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812 and gave whiskey rations to his comrades for other rations but a change in his views led him to vote the abolition ticket. He wedded Sarah (Daniels) Davis, who, born in Maryland, lived for some time in Pennsylvania and afterward removed to Millersburg, Ohio, where she became the wife of a Mr. Davis. Following the death of her first husband she gave her hand in marriage to William Bird and in the year 1849 they removed with their family to Madison county, Iowa.

In early life Butler Bird was identified with agricultural pursuits and in early manhood he engaged in teaching in the rural schools. For many years he was connected with general mercantile interests at Patterson and in that way formed a wide acquaintance and became a prominent factor in the development and upbuilding of the section in which he lived. His influence was equally strong in other relations, for he is a minister of the Disciples of Christ, having long been a devoted member of the church. He has put forth earnest and effective effort for the extension of the cause of Christianity and has not been denied a full harvest following the aftermath of his labors.

Along still other lines Rev. Bird has contributed to the interests and welfare of his country. In 1861 he responded to the call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, First Iowa Cavalry, of which he became quartermaster, serving until honorably discharged because of physical disabilities. He was then holding the office of corporal. In days of peace he has rendered important aid to his community and to his state. In politics he has always been a republican and has been an interested worker for the success of the party and for the benefit and upbuilding of his city and county along many lines. He was county superintendent of public instruction in Madison county for two terms and he held the first normal institute in the county. He was also postmaster of Patterson for a number of years and in 1881 took his seat as a member of the Iowa state legislature, to which he was elected by the republican party for a two years' term. He has thus left the impress of his individuality upon the laws of the state and

in the faithful discharge of his duty has furthered public interests. He has held an honorary life membership in the Iowa Woman's Suffrage Association because of his vote for the enfranchisement of women in the state legislature. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1859, in Madison county, Mr. Bird was united in marriage to Miss Mary Scott Graham, a daughter of the Rev. John and Mary (Small) Graham, both of whom were natives of Scotland. On coming to the new world they settled in New York and in 1856 arrived in Madison county, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Bird have been born five children: Eva, the deceased wife of A. M. Farris; Jessie, the wife of D. F. Miles; Clyde, who married W. D. Patterson; May, the widow of N. S. Howell; and John Graham, who married Grace Blosser.

Such in brief is the life history of Rev. Butler Bird, a man who is accorded and is worthy of the highest respect and goodwill of all with whom he has come in contact. He has made his life count for good along many lines and those who know him bear high testimony to his honorable purpose, his upright deeds and his kindly spirit.

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#### LANSON HOWELL.

Lanson Howell is one of the leading and representative stockmen and farmers of Madison county, where he owns eighteen hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land, his home farm alone comprising sixteen hundred and thirty acres, which is operated under his immediate supervision and direction. He has lived in this county since reaching the age of two years, his birth having occurred in Coshocton county, Ohio, September 23, 1847, his parents being Aaron and Margaret (Smith) Howell, who were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania respectively. The former was a son of David Howell, a thrifty and progressive tool manufacturer of New Jersey, who occupied a position of prominence in business circles in his community. His son, Aaron Howell, following his marriage, removed with his bride to Coshocton county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming until 1849, in which year he arrived in Madison county, Iowa, settling in Crawford township, where he took up a timber claim of one hundred and twenty acres. Throughout his active business career he followed farming and applied himself so diligently to his work that at the time of his death he had become the possessor of twenty-five hundred acres of Iowa land. He was in many respects a remarkable man. He had practically no educational advantages but was naturally of a studious nature and used every opportunity to educate himself. He was a profound student of the Bible, was locally known as an able mathematician and his interest in the higher branches of learning was manifest in his proficiency in astronomy and in other ways. Blindness overtook him at the age of fifty-five years and his death occurred January 11, 1894. The community thereby lost one of its most respected pioneers and representative citizens. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, long identified with its official board, and his life was at all times in consistent harmony with the teachings of the denomination. His widow survived him for about five years, passing away in 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Howell were the parents of seven children, as follows: Emerson, who is a veteran of the Civil war, having been a member of Company C, Forty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and is now a resident of Bisbee, Arizona; Lanson, of this review; Martha, who gave her hand in marriage to G. W. Eyerly, of Madison county, and passed away in 1892; Helen, who is the widow of John Dabney and now makes her home in Long Beach, California; Nelson, whose demise occurred on the 10th of October, 1908; Wilson, who died in infancy; and Alice H., who is the wife of L. R. Grimes, of Plainview, Texas.

Lanson Howell, brought to Madison county by his parents when but two years of age, became a pupil of Sarah Gamble in one of the little old-time log schoolhouses of the pioneer period, crude in its appointments, while its curriculum was limited to the three Rs. The instruction of that early day, however, made an indelible impress upon his mind. He was equally well trained in farm work, too, learning not only the rudiments but also the principles of agriculture under the direction of his father, whose broad and successful experience well enabled him to direct the labors of his son. He assisted in the work of the home farm until after he had attained his majority and then started out on his own account in 1868, purchasing a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Lee township, Madison county. Following his marriage he and his young wife began their domestic life upon that place, his attention being given to general farming, stock-raising and feeding. Upon that farm he remained until after the death of his wife in 1877, and as his father had in the meantime become blind, Mr. Howell then returned to the old homestead, where his good mother could administer to the wants of his two motherless little children, Charles and Ollie May, while Mr. Howell took charge of her farming interests.

As the years passed Lanson Howell became an active factor in the life of the community. His financial resources increased, his operations became larger and by additional purchase he increased his holdings until his aggregate possessions now comprise eighteen hundred and thirty acres of rich land in Madison county and four hundred and twelve acres in Warren county, Iowa. His personal attention is given to the operation and further development of his home farm of sixteen hundred and thirty acres, whereon he is extensively engaged in raising and feeding stock, being today recognized as the foremost stockman of western Iowa. He generally keeps on hand from two hundred and fifty to three hundred and fifty beef cattle, which he raises for the market. His experience and study of every phase of his business enables him to speak with authority upon stock-raising and feeding and the consensus of opinion recognizes the soundness of his judgment on all such points. In addition to his agricultural and stock-raising activities Mr. Howell has financial interests of considerable importance, being a director in the First National Bank of Winterset, president of the Patterson Mercantile Company of Patterson, Iowa, and he also at one time had large land holdings in Texas and the Dakotas but has disposed of his property interests in those states.

It was on the 25th of April, 1873, that Mr. Howell was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth L. Hughart, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of Rev. Campbell Hughart, a pioneer preacher and farmer of Madison county. Mr. and Mrs. Howell became the parents of two children: Charles, a resident of Douglas township, Madison county, a sketch of whom appears on another page of this

work; and Ollie May, who died in infancy. The wife and mother passed away on the 19th of October, 1877, and on the 6th of September, 1887. Mr. Howell was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Williams, a native of Illinois. By this marriage there were eight children, namely: Wesley E., residing on his father's farm in Warren county, who wedded Miss Emma Huglin and has two children, Lanson and Vernice; Vernon H., who is deceased; Darwin C. and Erwin M., both at home; Luther R. and Ruth, twins, the former at home and the latter deceased; one who died in infancy; and Curtis W., at home.

In politics Mr. Howell is a democrat where national issues are involved but does not adhere strictly to party lines in local elections. For many years he has served as township trustee and he finds time to cooperate in many public movements which have resulted beneficially to the community in which he lives. He has given freely of both time and money to the building of the Methodist Episcopal church of Patterson, has always taken an active and helpful part in church work and for many years has served on the official board. He is recognized in various relations as an able manager, a good organizer and a farsighted man. He is optimistic in his belief that there is always a way and an opportunity to accomplish an honorable purpose and in his business career he has never allowed obstacles nor difficulties to bar his path. Success has left him unspoiled, for everywhere he is known as a pleasant, genial gentleman, always approachable, always affable and courteous. Public-spirited, he is interested in everything pertaining to the welfare and progress of his community; charitable, he gives freely where aid is needed and gives without ostentation. He is one of the foremost citizens of Madison county whose splendid qualities of mind and heart have gained for him an unusual hold upon the warm and affectionate regard of his fellow citizens. To know Lanson Howell is to know one who has learned to place correct valuation upon the things of life, to maintain an even balance between the opportunity for self-advancement and the opportunity to aid in public affairs. High ideals and worthy purposes have found exemplification in his career and Madison county may well be proud to number him among her citizens.

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#### W. VERNON BENNETT.

W. Vernon Bennett, who was born on the farm in Douglas township, is a successful and well known farmer. His natal day was the 30th of May, 1884, and he is a son of Andrew and Mary (Gideon) Bennett, who are spoken of on another page of this work. Mr. Bennett attended the public schools on North river, the schoolhouse being the second built in the township. When twenty-two years of age he assumed the management of the home farm and has since operated it. He makes a specialty of raising pure bred draft horses, but also grows the crops best suited to the soil and climate of this state. Since he is energetic and progressive and keeps in touch with the results of investigators who are striving to make agriculture a science he is meeting with deserved success in his labors and is considered one of the leaders among the younger generation of farmers.

In 1906 Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Miss Corgie May McDonald, who was also born in Douglas township, this county. She is a daughter of William S. and Barbara Ellen (Combs) McDonald and is a niece of the man who, when a name for the county seat of Madison county was being chosen, suggested the name of Winterset instead of Summerset, as the weather was cold and stormy. William S. McDonald was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 23d of May, 1848, and his wife was born near Wathena, Kansas, in 1858. When a boy he emigrated westward with his parents and drove a flock of five hundred sheep. The family intended to stop in Illinois, but, hearing of the fine country open to settlement in Iowa, continued to Iowa, where they located in 1863. William S. McDonald completed his education by attending the district schools after his arrival in this state and upon starting out in life for himself turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He now owns six hundred and ninety acres of land and devotes his time and attention to its management. He is a republican and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Bennett is the fifth in order of birth in a family of nine children, all of whom are valued citizens of this county.

Mr. Bennett belongs to Evening Star Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., at Winterset and is an exemplary Mason, embodying in his life the spirit of brotherhood which is the foundation of the order. He has no political aspirations but in a private capacity does much to further the advancement of his community and is known as a good neighbor and a public-spirited citizen.

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#### OSCAR O. MUELLER.

Oscar O. Mueller is one of the native sons of Madison county, although now a resident of Lewistown, Montana, where he has been engaged in the practice of law since 1908. He was born March 29, 1877, a son of George and Catharine Mueller, who are still residents of Madison county. Extended mention of the parents is made in connection with the sketch of Herman A. Mueller on another page of this work.

Oscar O. Mueller was reared upon the home farm with the usual experiences of the farm lad who divides his time between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. He supplemented his district-school training by study in the Iowa State Normal School, from which he was graduated with the M. Di. degree with the class of 1903. The following year he became principal of the schools at Stacyville, where he remained until 1905. He then entered the State University of Iowa and was graduated LL. B. in 1908. He taught in the country schools of Madison county before entering upon the study of law and, as stated, was for a time principal of the schools at Stacyville. He proved an able educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor and qualified for law practice, in which he has been continuously engaged at Lewistown, Montana, since his graduation in 1908. He is also the owner of two farm properties in Fergus county, Montana,

but his attention is chiefly given to his law practice, in which he is meeting with gratifying success.

Mr. Mueller belongs to the Masonic fraternity and held the office of worshipful master in Lewistown Lodge, No. 37, F. & A. M., during the year 1914. He is now junior steward of the grand lodge of Montana. He belongs also to Marie Chapter, No. 23, O. E. S., of Lewistown, Montana, and was worthy patron in 1913. He filled the office of assistant county attorney of Fergus county in 1909 and 1910 and throughout the community in which he lives is regarded not only as an able lawyer but also as an enterprising citizen, and his efforts have been of substantial worth to the community in which he lives.

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#### DAVID GEORGE RATLIFF.

David George Ratliff, deceased, was for many years active in commercial and official circles in Winterset and was a representative citizen of the county. He was born in Noble county, Ohio, in September, 1838, a son of William and Mary Melvina Ratliff, who emigrated to America from County Down, Ireland. They first settled in Canada but removed successively to Ohio and Warren county, Iowa, where they located in 1849 and where William Ratliff was a well known landowner and farmer and where he died in 1851. His widow removed to Madison county in 1853 and remarried.

David George Ratliff was fifteen years of age when the family settled in this county and while still a youth he went with a freight train to Denver, Colorado, and for a year carried mail to the mining camps and new towns of that section of the state and then returned to Winterset and for a time clerked. As soon as he was financially able he engaged in the mercantile business on his own account and in 1875 was elected sheriff of the county on the democratic ticket, being the only one on that ticket to be elected. In 1877 he was reelected, although at the time engaged in the implement business and made practically no canvass of the voters, not expecting to be elected, as the county was strongly republican. In 1880 he formed a partnership with C. W. Eastman and engaged in the general merchandise business and later added a clothing store, which store Mr. Ratliff eventually took over and which he conducted until about 1897, when he was elected county treasurer and won reelection two years later, defeating the strong candidate on the republican ticket. After the expiration of his second term in the office of county treasurer he engaged in the grocery business with his brother Robert for two or three years and at the end of that time he sold his interest and engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, handling both life and fire policies. He so continued until his death, which occurred May 5, 1913. He was unusually active for his years and his mental vigor appeared not to have abated, as he conducted his business successfully until just before his demise.

In May, 1864, Mr. Ratliff married Miss Matilda C. Danner, who was born in Ohio but came to this county with her parents, Michael and Elizabeth Danner, when but a child. Mrs. Ratliff died in October, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff were the parents of nine children and eight of the number grew to maturity:

William E., who was his father's partner in the real-estate and insurance business and who is still conducting that business; Frederick G., who is engaged in the insurance business in Sioux City, Iowa; Nellie, who married J. C. Mardis, of Des Moines, and who is now deceased; Bertha M., now Mrs. J. C. Mardis, of Des Moines; Lena Leoto, now Mrs. Elmer Weston of Fresno, California; Ralph E., of Omaha, Nebraska; Jessie Louise, now Mrs. A. B. Herron, of Twin Falls, Idaho; and Robert R., of Waterloo, Iowa. Lillian died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff were both members of the Presbyterian church and took quite an active part in its work. Mr. Ratliff was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in which orders he was well known and popular. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party and he was one of the leaders in its councils. He and his son William built up an extensive business as real-estate and insurance men and the son is now prominent in that line of work. The name of Ratliff has always stood for integrity in business dealings and for public-spirited citizenship.

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### JOHN DE BOK.

John De Bok, of Lincoln township, is the proprietor of the Tilville Stock Farm and although he has resided in the county but a comparatively brief period he is already recognized as one of its leading farmers and stock breeders, and is meeting with substantial success in the management of his affairs. Iowa claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Summit township, Marion county, on the 26th of October, 1863. His father, Dingeman De Bok, was born in Holland, March 11, 1832, and when sixteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States. He made his way to Marion county, Iowa, where he began farming and he also dealt extensively in lands, owning at different times a number of valuable farms. He was married, March 2, 1855, to Hannah Postma, who was born in Holland, April 15, 1838. When but four or five years of age she was brought to America by her parents, who settled in Marion county, Iowa. Her death occurred July 15, 1905, but Mr. De Bok survived until April, 1910. In their family were ten children: Jane, born February 19, 1856; Yetske, April 10, 1858; Elizabeth, December 29, 1860; John; George, born February 21, 1866; Johanna, July 8, 1867; Sarah, August 23, 1869; Mary, July 21, 1871; Charles, March 16, 1874; and Henry, October 24, 1876.

John De Bok passed his youthful days in the manner of most farm lads and remained upon the old homestead to the age of twenty-three, when he started out in life on his own account, following the occupation to which he had been reared. For an extended period he resided in Red Rock township, Marion county, and spent one year each in Polk and Mahaska counties, Iowa, and two years in South Dakota. He then came to Madison county, Iowa, and purchased a farm of six hundred and forty-two acres in Lincoln township. Here he engages in general farming and he also makes a specialty of raising registered Polled Angus cattle. He is today one of the prominent farmers and cattle breeders of the county, and his methods, which are at once scientific, practical and progressive, are bringing to him substantial success. His farm is improved with excellent

buildings and supplied with all modern equipments, and the latest machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields.

Mr. De Bok married Miss Maggie Postma, a native of Marion county, Iowa, and a daughter of Albert and Gertrude (Hoeckstra) Postma, who were natives of Holland but spent their last days in Marion county, Iowa, dying during the early girlhood of their daughter Mrs. De Bok, who by her marriage has become the mother of ten children. Dee, who was born April 7, 1886, and is a farmer of Crawford township, married Edna Rhodes and they have one child, Zylpha, who was born June 11, 1914. Elizabeth, born April 21, 1888, died May 28, 1893. Gertrude, whose birth occurred December 9, 1892, is the wife of Clifford Herrall and they have one child, Delbert, born May 22, 1914. William, born April 3, 1895, Elsie, born December 16, 1896, Alfred, whose birth occurred December 30, 1899, Edith, born July 22, 1903, Ruby, whose natal day was April 2, 1906, Howard, born March 17, 1909, and Gail, born August 21, 1912, are all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. De Bok became members of the Evangelical church at Red Rock, Marion county. In politics he is a progressive republican, but not an office seeker, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, and his close application, sound judgment and capable management have brought him gratifying success, gaining him a place among the foremost farmers of the district in which he lives.

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#### DEXTER HOWARD.

Dexter Howard, who was one of the earliest settlers of Madison county, was born in New York in 1822 and when thirty years of age made the overland journey to this county by wagon. He entered a claim from the government and lived upon his farm until his death, which occurred in 1887 when he was sixty-five years of age. He brought all of his land under cultivation and as he was energetic and industrious he was rewarded by bounteous harvests. In the days before the herd law went into effect he let his stock run on the open prairie and raised a large number of head annually. He continued to engage in farming and stock-raising until called to his reward and was highly respected by those who knew him.

On the 24th of September, 1852, the third marriage certificate in Madison county was issued, authorizing the marriage of Dexter Howard and Elizabeth Moore. The bride was born in Scott county, West Virginia, on the 11th of November, 1831, a daughter of Henry and Tracia (Lloyd) Moore. Her father was born in that state in 1794 and served in the War of 1812. In 1834 he removed with his family to Indiana, where he resided until his death. Subsequently his wife and children came to Madison county, Iowa, arriving here in 1852. Mr. Howard was very active in all community affairs and helped to build the first Church of Christ erected in Winterset, which was then but a small village. He possessed the courage and resolution characteristic of all true pioneers and as obstacles arose his determination increased to accomplish his purpose in spite of them.



In 1895 Mrs. Howard became the wife of John B. Lamb, who took up his residence in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1848 and in Madison county four years later. For twenty-one years he worked in the old Buffalo Mills. At the time of the Civil war he gave indubitable proof of his patriotism by enlisting in Company E, Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry for service in defense of the Union.

When Mrs. Lamb first came to this county, in 1852, she resided in Winterset, which was but a small settlement. The log house in which she lived after her marriage was one of the first built in Webster township and both it and its furnishings were extremely crude compared with those of the present day although at that time they were considered very good. There were all kinds of game in abundance and as houses were still relatively far apart, her home was often the stopping place for hunters. In the early days when the usual breadstuff was corn-meal, wheat flour was a luxury and she baked the first biscuit in the county. It was no uncommon thing for her to walk twelve miles to Winterset and the first time she rode to town, she rode in a wagon behind an ox team and sat on a beam across the wagon box. She did much spinning and made all of the cloth used in the clothing of the family, as well as did the sewing for the family. There was no phase of pioneer life with which she was not acquainted and the many privations that are inseparable from life on the frontier served merely to make the greater her power of endurance and to make yet stronger her naturally forceful character. She has always been a devout Christian, is a member of the Church of Christ and is held in the highest honor by all who know her. She is the oldest living settler in the township and makes her home with a grandson. Two of her children are residing in this county, Mrs. Nathan Binns and Mrs. Matt Johnson. To her and to her generation the county owes a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid, for it is due to such as she that it now enjoys abounding prosperity and all the comforts of civilization.

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#### WILLIAM J. GRACEY.

Although William J. Gracey is still living upon a farm on section 33, Ohio township, he has retired from active life and is enjoying a period of leisure. He was born in Boone county, Illinois, on the 11th of February, 1841, a son of James Taggart and Alipher (McGahey) Gracey. The father was born in North Carolina, of Irish ancestry, and the mother in South Carolina, also of Irish stock, but their marriage occurred in Boone county, Illinois. In 1856 they located in Ohio township, Madison county, Iowa, where the father entered one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 34. He devoted the remainder of his life to its cultivation and both he and his wife passed away upon the homestead.

William J. Gracey remained under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. After he became old enough he worked upon the homestead during the summers and thus early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. On the 26th of September, 1861, when a young man of twenty years, he enlisted at Osceola, Iowa, in Company I, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Read, and he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Bolivar, Tennessee, and Iuka, Jackson and

Corinth, Mississippi, and was also under fire in a number of skirmishes. On the 23d of February, 1865, he was mustered out at St. Louis and honorably discharged from military service, after which he returned to Madison county, Iowa, where he resumed farming. In 1868 he removed to the farm where he now lives and in 1869 purchased forty acres. He subsequently added eighty acres and now owns a good farm of one hundred and twenty acres. The advance in the price of land is illustrated by the fact that he paid five dollars an acre for the first forty acres, ten dollars for the next forty and sixty dollars for the last forty acres that he purchased. He operated his farm until 1900, when he rented it to his son and he and his wife are now living in honorable retirement upon the homestead. He was a general farmer and stock-raiser and as he was industrious and enterprising and as he avoided extravagance he added to his capital from time to time and now has sufficient of this world's goods to insure him of comfort during the remainder of his life.

In April, 1868, Mr. Gracey married Miss Rebecca E. Bratton, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Hunt) Bratton. To Mr. and Mrs. Gracey have been born the following children. Mary Levisa married John Goodrich, a farmer of Clarke county, this state, and they have six living children, Jesse, Lillian, Rosa, Elmer, Ray Frank and Harry. Emery, a farmer of Clarke county, married Miss Emma Sinn and they have three children living, Lester, Lewis and Harold. Alonzo, a farmer of Ohio township, married Ada Scott, who died leaving a son, Cleland. Following her demise he was again married, his second wife being Miss Lillian Marquist. Frank, an agriculturist of Ohio township, married Miss Susie Jones, by whom he has four children, Doyle, Pansy, Merrill and Benton. Bert, born March 10, 1880, resides upon the homestead with his parents. He married Miss Grace Jones and they have three children, Glenn, Isabelle and Blanche. Herman, born April 16, 1882, is now farming near Osceola, Iowa. He married Miss Gertrude Hock and following her demise wedded Miss Emma Steaman. He is the father of two children, Cleo and Dale.

Mr. Gracey is a democrat and for four years was a director of school district No. 6. He is a sincere Christian and holds membership in the Church of God at Prairie Grove, as does his wife. He was one of the organizers of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Truro and continued to belong to that organization until it surrendered its charter. For forty-seven years he and his wife have lived upon the homestead and they have many interesting reminiscences of events and conditions of the early days in this county. He hauled lumber from John Smith's sawmill at Prairie Grove to build the first courthouse in Osceola and with Tom Glascow played the violin for a dance in the courthouse when it was completed. As Mr. Gracey was in his younger days one of the best known violinists of Madison county, his services were in demand in St. Charles, Winterset, Murray, Osceola and other places and he sometimes played for as many as five dances in a week. His wife picked blackberries on Squaw creek and took them into Osceola, but the people there did not know that they were edible, having never seen any before. She had used them in Ohio and when she found them growing wild in Clarke county recognized them. For many years Mr. Gracey and his wife were numbered among those who in doing well the work that fell to their lot in the development of their farm aided in the advancement of agricultural interests of the county. They are now living retired, however,

and their son Bert farms the homestead. He raises a good grade of shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs, which he feeds and sells, and he also carries on general farming, meeting with deserved success in both phases of his work.

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### ACHILLES M. MEACHAM.

Achilles M. Meacham, who is engaged in farming on section 26, Jackson township, was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, on the 2d of December, 1838, the youngest of nine children born to Andrew and Elizabeth (Jones) Meacham. The birth of the father occurred in North Carolina on the 14th of March, 1790, and that of the mother on the 14th of May, 1797. The father accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois when but ten years of age and after reaching man's estate became the owner of land in that state. He also conducted a store for two years in Sangamon county. In 1840 he removed to Warren county, Illinois, and engaged in merchandising near Lancaster. He was an active republican and served as justice of the peace for many years. He was in early life an exhorter and preacher of the old school Baptist church, but late in life became a member of the Christian church. He had a brother who was a minister of the gospel. Andrew Meacham passed away on the 30th of October, 1876, and was survived by his widow for more than two years, her demise occurring on the 19th of January, 1879.

Achilles M. Meacham began the acquirement of his education in an old log schoolhouse in the neighborhood of his home and recalls the building and its furniture vividly. The seats were slabs, the desks were made of rough boards and the house was heated by a fireplace. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then began farming in Warren county, Illinois, where he lived until February, 1878. In that year he came to Madison county and purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land near Pitzer, in Jackson township. He raised cattle and hogs extensively and found that occupation very remunerative. In 1901 he sold that place and removed to a small fruit farm in the vicinity of Winterset, where he resided for seven years. In 1908 he removed to his present farm on section 26, Jackson township, which comprises fifty-three acres of land.

On the 28th of July, 1859, Mr. Meacham married Miss Clarinda McMillan, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, on the 6th of May, 1840, and is a daughter of John and Harriett (Glaze) McMillan. Her father was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on the 26th of August, 1816, and her mother in Brown county, Ohio. The latter is living in Denver, Colorado, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. The father of Mrs. Meacham was taken by his parents to Brown county, Ohio, in 1818. He became a member of the Christian church in 1836 and on the 27th of July, 1842, began preaching. In 1843 he was ordained elder. The year 1856 witnessed his removal to Hancock county, Illinois, and under his ministration several churches were erected in Hancock and Warren counties. In 1869 he removed to Winterset and became the owner of land in Lincoln township. He continued active as a preacher and remained in Winterset, until 1906. In that year he went to Denver, Colorado, and in 1907 took up

his residence in Mountain View, Oklahoma, where he passed away on the 14th of December, of that year. He helped to organize the western Illinois conference and was quite prominent in his denomination. Fraternally he was a Mason and an Odd Fellow. His marriage occurred in 1837 and to him and his wife were born eleven children, of whom Mrs. Meacham was the second in order of birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Meacham have thirteen children: Albert A., born April 3, 1860, who is farming near Emory, Montana, and who has five children, George, Ona, Susan, Beulah and Nellie; John A., born September 14, 1861, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Jackson township and who has two children, Earl and Ervin; Ziba, who was born on the 20th of March, 1863, and is residing in Colorado; Harmon E., born November 20, 1864, who is residing at Kalispell, Montana, and who has five children, Rex, Fred, Virgie, Jack and Homer; Elza Walter, Ira A., Carrie and Charles S., all of whom died in infancy; Eva, the deceased wife of George Cross; Earl G., deceased; Floy D., the wife of E. Darnell, a farmer of Nyhart, Montana, by whom she has two sons and a daughter, Glenn, Bessie and Charles; Frank R., born April 3, 1883, who is residing at Idaho Falls and who has a daughter, Grace A.; and Virgie I., the wife of Lloyd Wright, of Jackson township, by whom she has a son, Hugh.

Mr. Meacham is a member of the Christian church and has held office in the same. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, having joined the now extinct lodge at Pitzer. He transferred his membership to the lodge at Winterset and is well known in that body. Although he has no desire for public office he manifests a commendable interest in community affairs and is willing to cooperate in worthy movements.

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### C. E. SOUTHWORTH.

C. E. Southworth is the owner of a well improved farm property in Grand River township within the city limits of Macksburg. He is well known in connection with the live-stock industry, making a specialty of raising pure bred registered Poland China hogs. The district in which he lives knows him as an enterprising, wideawake and alert business man.

Mr. Southworth was born near Bloomington, Illinois, on the 19th of April, 1866, a son of Gillet and Adeline (Smith) Southworth, both deceased. He was taken to Iowa in early childhood and when but four years of age went to live in the home of Ransom Moon, one of the early settlers of Grand River township. He was reared to farm life with the usual experiences of the lad who devotes his time to the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. When nineteen years of age he began working as a farm hand by the month for Jerry Wilson, but was ambitious to engage in business on his own account, and as soon as possible began farming for himself. Five years ago he sold one hundred and sixty acres of land in Grand River township and purchased his present farm of forty-seven acres within the city limits of Macksburg. He has since resided upon this place, on which is a comfortable residence. It was the only building upon the place when Mr. Southworth purchased the property, since which time he has added other improvements. He makes a

specialty of raising pure bred registered Poland China hogs and each year holds a sale, which is attended by people coming from considerable distances as well as those nearby. He raises quite a goodly amount of fruit and both he and his wife are most energetic, industrious people, owing their success entirely to their own well directed efforts.

On the 15th of August, 1891, Mr. Southworth was married to Miss Mamie L. Rowe, who was born in Davis county, Iowa, August 18, 1873, a daughter of Henry Rowe. They have become the parents of two children, Bonnie and Henry R., the latter yet at home. The former is the wife of Gardner Crawford, a farmer of Grand River township, and they have three children, Beulah, Jim and Elizabeth.

Mr. Southworth has filled the office of assessor of the village of Macksburg for five years and is actively interested in the welfare of the community, cooperating in various plans for the public good. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is loyal to its teachings and purposes. Almost his entire life has been passed in Iowa and the greater part of it in Madison county, where he is now widely and favorably known.

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#### JAMES V. KIRK.

James V. Kirk, living on section 30, Monroe township, has long occupied his present farm, which comprises four hundred acres of rich and valuable land that responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He was born in Morrow county, Ohio, August 8, 1843, a son of William B. and Rebecca T. (Vaughn) Kirk, natives of Columbiana county, Ohio. They were members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, of which sect the family have been representatives for three hundred years. The parents removed to Iowa when their son James was serving in the Civil war and settled in New Sharon, Mahaska county, where both the father and mother passed away.

James V. Kirk was reared in Ohio and in November, 1863, when but twenty years of age, he responded to the country's call for troops, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union. He donned the nation's blue uniform and marched under the stars and stripes to the front as a member of Company E, Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With his command he participated in the engagements at Lynchburg, Cloyd Mountain, Winchester, Perryville, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Beverly. During the last named engagement he was captured and spent two months in Libby prison, after which he was exchanged. He was mustered out at Wheeling, West Virginia, and received an honorable discharge at Columbus, Ohio.

While on a furlough Mr. Kirk came to Iowa, to which state his parents had in the meantime removed. Making his way to Madison county, he here purchased two hundred acres of land, after which he returned to the front and completed his term of service as one of the valiant soldiers of the Civil war. He then came again to Iowa and spent several years in trapping in the northern part of this state and in Minnesota. He also made one trip as a freighter across the plains to Virginia City, which was then the capital of Montana. In 1872 he took up his

abode upon his land in Madison county. The year before he had hired forty acres broken. For two summers he lived in a tent and then built a frame house sixteen by twenty feet, which continued to be his home until 1908, when he erected his present large and substantial residence. He has been very successful as the years have gone by and is now the owner of four hundred acres of land which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, making his property one of the good farms of the county.

On the 15th of April, 1875, Mr. Kirk was married to Miss Martha Hamblin, who was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, a daughter of Simeon and Eleanor (Thompson) Hamblin, who in 1854 settled in Monroe township, this county, where their remaining days were passed. Mrs. Kirk was educated in the district schools and at Winterset and for eight years capably engaged in teaching. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have had no children of their own but reared a little girl, although they did not legally adopt her. She was known as Katherine Kirk and is now the wife of Glenn Conway, a resident farmer of Monroe township, by whom she has two children, Lloyd and Russell Kirk.

Mrs. Kirk is a member of the Methodist church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have a wide acquaintance in Monroe township and other parts of the county. He has devoted many years of his life to farming, and industry and perseverance have been the foundation of his present gratifying success.

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#### WILLIAM HOWARD KIVETT.

William Howard Kivett occupies the old homestead of the family in Grand River township. He was born August 5, 1854, in Morgan county, Indiana, and was brought to Madison county in his mother's arms during his infancy. He is a son of William and Annie (Ellmore) Kivett, who were married in Morgan county, Indiana, November 20, 1846. The father was born in North Carolina in October, 1826, and the mother was born near the Mammoth cave in Kentucky on the 20th of December, 1827. They came to Madison county in 1855, settling on a farm in Grand River township, where they owned a good property. The land was naturally rich and productive and, owing to the cultivation bestowed upon it, became a valuable farm. The father there made his home until his death, which occurred February 13, 1915. The mother survives and occupies the old homestead with her son William Howard. After coming to this county William Kivett taught school and was otherwise actively identified with the development and improvement of the county. He voted with the democratic party but did not seek nor desire office and held only the position of justice of the peace. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist church and his actions were always guided by his Christian faith and belief.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Kivett were born seven children, of whom three died in infancy. Those still living are: Mrs. Mary Griswold, who resides near Macksburg; William Howard, occupying the old homestead; Mrs. Elmira J. Craven, of Webster township; and Leroy L., of Creston, Iowa.

William Howard Kivett has always lived upon the old homestead farm since brought to this county by his parents during his infancy and his life has been

devoted to its further cultivation and improvement since age and strength made him old enough to take up the work of the fields. He married Miss Maggie Given, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Henry and Ann Given, who came to Madison county thirty years ago, but who are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kivett have five children, Elmer, Eugene, Lee, Annie and Grace, all at home. The parents are members of the Baptist church and they have a wide acquaintance in the part of the county in which they reside.

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#### GEORGE MUELLER.

George Mueller is one of the pioneer settlers of Madison county and the owner of one of the finest farms in the county. His property is the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift, all having been acquired through his own efforts. The farm comprises three hundred and thirty-three acres, lying partly in Union and partly in Jefferson townships. Mr. Mueller was born September 11, 1842, at Hohnsheidt, a village in Eder county, in the principality of Waldeck, which became a part of the German empire in 1871. His parents were George and Johanna Müller. The former was born in Bad-Wildungen, on the 17th of May, 1804, and was a son of George Müller, who was born about the year 1773, in Bad-Wildungen, Waldeck. He was forest inspector of the county of Eder during the opening years of the nineteenth century. He was married about the year 1800 to Henrietta Kleinhaus, who was born in Wolfhagen, Hesse. The former died about 1840 and the latter in 1845, at the home of her son George at Freienhagen. Their son, George Müller, married Johanna Müller who, though of the same name, was not related. Their marriage was celebrated in 1834. In 1845 they removed to Freienhagen, where George Müller was "over forester," there remaining until 1850, when he removed to Wildungen, in the same county, having been appointed superintendent or inspector of forests for the county of Eder, of which Wildungen was the principal town. It was a walled town and every evening the gates were closed as in olden times. His wife was a daughter of Christian and Rosina (Wild) Müller, who were conducting the Lion Apothecary, or drug store, in Bad-Wildungen. Johanna Müller was born in September, 1813, in Bad-Wildungen. Her mother, Rosina Wild, was born in Cassel-Hesse, where her parents were in the drug business, having immigrated there from Geneva, Switzerland. Dorothea Wild, a sister of Rosina, married William Grimm, one of the Grimm brothers, noted German philologist and author of Grimm's Fairy Tales. Johanna Müller died in 1862 and George Müller in 1868, in Arelsen. They were the parents of seven children. The eldest, Herman, born September 10, 1835, at Freienhagen, died in December, 1906. He studied surveying and forestry and many years ago became general manager of the estate of the Prince of Witten-genstein, where he remained until his death. He had two sons: Herman, who is now a captain in the German army in the present war; and Adolf, who is being held as a prisoner of war near Sydney, Australia. Carolina, born October 29, 1837, at Hohnsheidt, was married in 1857, to Albert Stracke, and immediately afterward came to America, settling at Warsaw, Illinois, but her death

occurred in St. Louis, in January, 1876. Adolf, born in Hohnsheidt, February 8, 1840, was in the dry-goods business in Berlin until 1907, and died near that city, April 2, 1909. George, the next of the family, is the one whose name heads this review. Johanna, born May 3, 1845, at Freienhagen, came to Iowa in 1870, in 1880 was married to Michael Grassman, of Churchville, Warren county, Iowa, and died in December, 1901, her remains being interred in Linn Grove cemetery, Warren county. She left three children: Elsie, now the wife of Thomas Gillespie, of Crawford township, Madison county; Michael Grassman, who was killed in a runaway accident about the year 1902; and Rosina, now Mrs. Couch, of Cumming, Iowa. Otto Müller was born in 1848 at Freienhagen, studied pharmacy, and died in the year 1911. • Dr. Ernst Müller was born in November, 1855, in Bad-Wildungen, came to Iowa in 1871, studied pharmacy in Warsaw, Illinois, and medicine in St. Louis, and is now practicing medicine in the latter city.

George Mueller, who adopted the present spelling of the name, was educated in the public schools of Bad-Wildungen, which he attended from 1850 until 1857. He then went to a farm called the Heide, where he studied and followed farming, having in the meantime determined that he would come to America. He remained upon the farm until September, 1858, and in the succeeding winter attended the high school at Bad-Wildungen, studying French, English and mathematics. On the 1st of June, 1859, not wishing to serve in the German army, he left the fatherland for America, because all persons under seventeen could leave Germany without being held for military duty later. He crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, landing at New York on the 15th of July, and from there he proceeded by rail to Dumkirk, New York, by boat to Toledo, Ohio, by rail to Chicago and thence to Warsaw, Illinois, where he lived with his sister, Mrs. Albert Stracke. From October, 1859, until May 5, 1860, he was employed in the Schott brewery in Warsaw, and in the latter month he came to Winterset, Iowa, in company with Gotlobb Burger, who was teaming to Winterset from Keokuk. After reaching Madison county Mr. Mueller lived with his cousin, Louis Stracke, until December 1, 1860. Mr. Stracke then sold his business in Winterset and removed with his family to a farm on section 25, Jefferson township. Mr. Mueller accompanied them to the farm and worked for Mr. Stracke until December 20, 1861, when he returned to Warsaw to assist his brother-in-law, Albert Stracke, with whom he continued until June, 1864, and during that period he engaged in clerking in stores and at various other kinds of work. He was then married and with his bride returned to Madison county. They worked on the farm of his cousin, Louis Stracke, until December 1, 1865, when they removed to the farm of William Schoen, where he and Mr. Schoen built a log house in which to live while he was cultivating a part of the farm. In the summer of 1866 Mr. Mueller purchased the Benjamin Duckett farm adjoining William Schoen's farm, of John Honnold, and he and his wife took up their abode thereon in December of that year. Much hard work was before him. His place comprised one hundred acres on section 2, Union township, much of which was covered with timber, so that there was a great deal of clearing to be done. He did not hesitate at the arduous task that confronted him, however, but resolutely set to work to make his land cultivable and as he prospered in his undertakings he kept adding to his original holdings until he is now the owner



of three hundred and thirty-three acres of valuable land in Union and Jefferson townships. The place is under a high state of cultivation and in fact is one of the best improved farms in Madison county. From time to time Mr. Mueller erected good farm buildings upon the place, including barns and other out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In 1886 he built a new home across the township line from his old home in Union township, thus becoming a resident of Jefferson township, but he still owns his original tract in Union township, where his first residence was a log cabin. The rail fences have all been replaced by woven or barbed wire fences and the work of improvement has been carried on along the most progressive lines. In addition to his farming activities Mr. Mueller is interested in the insurance business. He served for several years as vice president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Madison county and in 1904 was elected its president, which office he has since filled.

On the 8th of August, 1864, at Warsaw, Illinois, Mr. Mueller was married to Miss Catharine Schott, who was born in Baden, Germany, August 22, 1845. She was early left an orphan and came to America in her eighth year, living in Warsaw, Illinois, with an uncle, Johann Schott, who operated the Schott brewery until his death some thirty years ago. To Mr. and Mrs. Mueller have been born seven children. Herman A., born August 22, 1866, married Cora Irwin, and lives in St. Charles, Iowa. Laura M., born May 15, 1868, is the wife of A. F. Burger, of Winterset. Theresa L., born September 7, 1870, is the wife of Pleasant Brittain, of Elliott, North Dakota. George E., born September 10, 1873, married Alice Battice, and lives in Tioga, North Dakota. Oscar O., born March 27, 1877, resides at Lewistown, Montana. Ernest W., born November 3, 1879, married Georgia Hunt, and lives on the farm which he operates in partnership with his father. Fanny, born April 5, 1885, is the wife of L. V. St. John, a resident of Sheridan, Wyoming. The parents were much interested in the education of their children, who attended diligently the rural schools, and upon the farm and in the home were also taught valuable lessons of life. They also received such higher educational training as the parents were able to afford and all of the children, save Laura and Theresa, taught in the rural schools near their home. Before her marriage Laura was a teacher of instrumental music at Churchville, Barney, St. Charles, Truro and New Virginia. Herman, Oscar, George, Ernest and Fanny attended the State Normal School at Cedar Falls, and all except Ernest hold diplomas from that institution. He also attended the State Agricultural College at Ames for four terms before taking over the supervision of the home farm. Herman and Oscar also hold diplomas from the State University. George E. was principal of the schools at McCallsburg, Danbury and Wesley, Iowa, and then went to North Dakota, where he taught in the public schools. He afterward entered the Indian service as teacher, first at Fort Totten and later in the Turtle Mountain Indian reservation. He is now farming and teaching near Tioga, Williams county, North Dakota. Miss Fanny Mueller taught a few years in the rural schools about her home and after her graduation at the State Normal School taught at Sheldahl, Callender and Clear Lake, Iowa, and later in the schools of Sheridan, Wyoming, where she married and now resides.

Mr. Mueller has been a republican since he became a naturalized American citizen in 1868 and has been active and prominent in public affairs in his com-

munity. He served as a trustee of Jefferson township from 1890 until 1903, was school director of sub-district No. 7 in Jefferson township for five years and was road supervisor for a term or two. At one time he was a member of the Grange and has always been interested in those agencies which have been factors in the agricultural development of the state and in upholding the standards of advancement along that line. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church in Germany and he has lived an upright, honorable life that has commanded for him the respect and goodwill of his fellow citizens. He belongs to the Madison County Historical Society and is well qualified to speak upon matters relating to the history of this community. On the 8th of August, 1914, he and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at the old homestead, where they have lived for nearly forty-eight years, and 1914 was also the fiftieth anniversary of their arrival in the county. At the golden wedding celebration all of their children save two were present, together with other relatives and many friends and neighbors, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one, as they recalled tales of the early days and noted the changes of the fifty years in the improvements which have brought the county to its present condition of progress and prosperity. The old settlers have nearly all passed away, the second generation are now past middle age and another generation has come up to take the place of the early pioneers. The veneration and respect which should ever be accorded one of advanced years is given Mr. Mueller, who is now in his seventy-third year, and it is to be hoped that he will be spared for many years to come to watch the further development of the county with which he has been so long identified.

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